

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Disciplinary trial halted by students

More than 50 students blocked the entrance to a building at Sussex University yesterday where a disciplinary hearing against three students accused of throwing tomatoes at Dr David Owen, one of the leaders of the Social Democratic Party, was to be held (our Brighton Correspondent writes).

The three accused, two women and a man, failed to appear before the disciplinary panel and the senate disciplinary committee. The hearing was postponed to November, the bringing charges against all the students involved in the demonstration.

The tomato-throwing took place when Dr Owen, MP for Plymouth, Devonport, was speaking at a meeting in November. The three are accused of bringing the university into disrepute.

Challenge over fuel hardship

The London Electricity Consumer Council (LECC) has challenged the electricity industry's estimates of the cost of amending the code of practice governing disconnections to afford adequate protection to people in genuine hardship (see our London report, p. 10).

The LECC says that the industry's estimates are based on assumptions which they were made.

The LECC says it is sceptical of the figures. Some of the reform proposals would improve cash flow, interest charges, and reduce the costs of the present code.

The LECC says that most customers who are disconnected belong to groups who suffer hardship.

Pall Mall move for booksellers

Pickering and Chato, the two leading booksellers whose chairman is Sir William Rees-Mogg, former editor of The Times, has acquired the business and premises of Dawson of Pall Mall, specialists in the economics of science, medicine, economics and travel.

The combined business will trade as Pickering and Chato, moving to Pall Mall at the end of March. Sir William said last night: "Dawson of Pall Mall are world leaders in their main area, and I hope to maintain that reputation."

QC cites threat by Heseltine

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, was considering last summer taking steps to have Labour members of Norwich City Council sacked, Mr Nigel McLeod, QC, for the council told the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The threat was because of alleged failure to carry out the right-to-buy provisions of the Housing Act. Norwich wants Mr Heseltine's removal of the city housing stocks to be declared illegal.

Ballet tour cancelled

The Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet has cancelled its one-week tour to Glasgow, which was due to begin on Monday because of a dispute involving the 46 musicians in its orchestra.

Supported by the Musicians' Union, the musicians had asked for a retainer payment for the periods in the year when the ballet is on tour without the orchestra.

Needle in PC's eye

Police Constable Stephen Maher, aged 26, was badly injured yesterday when a prisoner he was escorting back to Brixton jail in south London thrust a needle into his eye. Last night doctors thought they had been able to save his sight.

Francis separation

Claire Francis, the yachtswoman, has separated from her husband, Mr Jacques Redon. The couple have been married for four years and have a son aged three.

Central TV will apologize over Civil Service film

Central Television is to make a televised apology on Monday over a programme on the Civil Service Rule Britannia, shown on August 13, last year, by ATV, its predecessor company. It will be the first such apology under the new provisions of the Broadcasting Act, 1974, which require the Broadcasting Authority's Complaints Review Board.

The complaint was made by Sir Antony Part, a former Permanent Secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry. The board has ruled that Sir Antony had grounds for complaint, and ATV has accepted the verdict without reservation and will be making a full public apology.

Rule Britannia opened with a clip of The Charge of the Light Brigade and went on to assert that the Civil Service was run by amateurs.

Sir Antony's main complaints were that he had agreed to take part in the programme after being assured that it was a balanced and fair one, and that the relevant parts of the interview he gave were not shown. When the programme was shown it was prefaced by a statement that was a personal view, he said, and that the programme was run by amateurs.

It turned out to be strongly biased, Sir Antony said.

Unionists facing poll clash

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A critical battle is being fought in Northern Ireland as the Unionist and Official Unionist parties prepare for a contest in the coming months. The Unionist party is likely to be contested by the rival Democratic Unionist party, despite continuing discussions between them to find a "loyalist" candidate for the Belfast, South seat.

With both parties aware that the by-election is being seen as a test of which party commands the greater support among Unionists, the Rev Martin Smyth, one of the Official Unionists' leading figures, is one of five seeking his party's nomination for the vacancy. He topped the poll in the same constituency in the last general election, and is the first attempt at a Westminster seat.

Mr Robert McCartney, a QC, is also seeking the nomination. He has emerged on to the political scene since last November and said yesterday: "South Belfast is the Official Unionist Party's Alamo. If they do not win there, and do not face up to the political situation from which the party is suffering, namely the DUP, they will die on their feet."

The seat has been vacant since the murder by the IRA last November of the Rev Robert Bradford, who had a majority of 17,130 at the last general election.

Mr Robert McCartney returned to the province yesterday from Canada where he had been publicizing the Unionist case, the United States State Department having refused to allow him a visa. He said the ban had created the interest in his visit and that he had set up an organisation in Canada called "Friends of Ulster" aimed at countering IRA propaganda.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is expected to meet Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Prime Minister, in the spring. The meeting is a continuation of the Anglo-Irish talks aimed at putting relations with Dublin on to a similar footing to those with Britain's other EC partners.

Mr Owen Carron, Independent Republican MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone and a supporter of the Provisional IRA, was in the custody of United States Immigration authorities on the way to the airport yesterday.

Mr Danny Morrison, head of publicity at Provisional Sinn Féin's headquarters in Belfast, was arrested shortly after his arrival in Belfast, due to appear before a magistrate in Belfast, New York State.

Gerald McLaughlin, aged 21, unemployed, of Craggan Road, Londonderry, was charged at a special court in Londonderry yesterday with the murder of Deborah Anne Rowe, aged 19, found dead with a gunshot wound in her chest last Tuesday. He was remanded

Hospital site sold back for £23,700

By Staff Reporters

The Government has decided that part of the St George's Hospital site at Hyde Park Corner in central London, which is worth millions of pounds, is to be sold back to Grosvenor Estates for £23,700, the price paid for it in 1906.

The site had been bought on condition that it was sold back for the original price when it was no longer being used for a hospital, the Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday.

A part of the site, amounting to one third, is held in trust by the secretary of state subject to special provisions requiring it to be offered back to Grosvenor Estates, from whom it was originally acquired in 1767.

Since then, it has been held at a virtual peppercorn, according to Mr Geoffrey Fincham, Under-Secretary of State, Health and Social Security, in a statement to the Commons yesterday.

As the site was no longer required, the department would be offering that section of the site back to Grosvenor Estates. Mr Fincham said the House of Commons would be asked to approve the sale, which would include both reconstruction and new building.

The development would involve restoration of the original listed building designed by William Wilkins to its original proportions.

He pointed out that the department was spending £100,000 a year on security for the site.

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, an Opposition spokeswoman on health and social security, described the statement as extraordinary. She said the site was worth millions, claiming that the Government was apparently prepared to sell back a priceless asset to one of the richest estates in Britain without so much as a murmur.

BBC RADIO AND TV NEWS SPLIT

BBC news on radio and television is to be split to become the separate responsibility of the managing director of each service, under the corporation's reshuffled management.

The move comes after the resignation of Richard Francis, the BBC's director of news and current affairs. Mr Francis will become managing director of BBC radio.

A statement issued by Sir Ian Trethowan, the BBC's retiring director general, said that Mr Francis and Mr Alan Protheroe, the former editor of BBC television news who has been appointed assistant to the director general, in charge of the supply of a service.

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The Duchess of Kent with Nell Brockman son of one of the lifeboat victims.

Duke's tribute to lifeboatmen

From John Witherow, Mousehole

200 sat in a draughty marquee, straining to hear the relayed proceedings above the flapping of the canvas. Outside the church, where three of the crew were buried, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution flag stood at half mast.

The Duke of Kent, president of the RNLI, flew from London to read a lesson. He was accompanied by the Duchess of Kent and Rear-Admiral Wilfred Graham, director and secretary of the RNLI.

Mr Clive Gunnell, a local television personality, and friend of some of the dead men, gave an address in which he said the finest monument could not be erected in stone but should live on in the spirit of the people.

They did their work instantly without asking why and using that awful sentence: "What is it for me?" he said.

The Duke and Duchess were taken to the vicarage where they met the five widows and 12 fair-haired children bereaved by the disaster. Mrs Mary Greenhaugh, licensee of the Ship Inn, whose husband died, said the Duchess of Kent "promised to come and have a drink with me in my pub when she is on holiday".

The rape controversy Doctor speaks out

From Our Correspondent, Glasgow

The psychiatrist at the centre of the Glasgow rape case yesterday denied advising against a prosecution because it might damage the victim's mental health.

Dr Raymond Antebi was reported to have said that the victim, who had twice attempted suicide, would have suffered permanent mental damage if forced to give evidence.

But yesterday he said from the Eastern District Hospital in Glasgow: "I saw nothing in my interviews with her that would have seemed to me to prevent the prosecution taking place."

"At no time did I state that there should be no prosecution because of the victim's mental health. I do feel that there should be a change in the law and that some provision be made by which a woman should be spared the unpleasant fact of being forced to submit to an open court."

Three teenagers who were accused of rape and attempted murder escaped prosecution after Scottish law officials considered the evidence, including a report from Dr Antebi.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn resigned as the Scottish Lord Advocate on Thursday night after defending in the Commons the decision not to prosecute. He apologized to MPs for speaking to the press about the reasons for the decision before reporting to Parliament.

Labour MPs demand more information

Opposition pressure for a clearer statement from Scottish law officers about the case was maintained yesterday despite Mr Fairbairn's resignation (our Political Editor writes).

Labour MPs were insisting that the public needed reassurance on two particular points: why it was not possible for the Crown Office in Edinburgh to prosecute for assault even if a rape conviction could not have succeeded without the victim giving evidence; and why, if there was doubt, the indictment against the three youths could not have been left in abeyance so that it could have been pursued later.

The chances of a private prosecution being allowed or of it succeeding are thought to be remote, although the law officers have said that they will not impede one.

If there is no prosecution and no inquiry, the Lord Advocate will be expected to say more than he has felt able to say so far. But there are lawyers on both sides of the Commons who feel that there should be a fresh look at Scottish rape law.

The betting is that Mrs Margaret Thatcher might appoint someone outside Parliament to replace Mr Fairbairn, for which there are many precedents; and that Mr Malcolm Rifkind, a Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at Scottish Office and a member of the Scottish Bar would be a likely choice.

Women in Reading, Berkshire, will march on the town's police station today to protest about the treatment of an alleged rape victim featured in the Police television programme on Monday. They will also hold a six-hour course on practical defence against rape.

Seven-year jail sentence upheld

Seven-year jail sentences on two men who raped a girl aged 17 were "not a day too long", Court of Appeal judge said yesterday. A five-year term on a younger man who joined in was also upheld (the Press Association reports).

Mr Justice Drake, sitting in London with Lord Justice Evershed and Mr Justice Milmo, said the attack on the girl at a house in Leeds last February was nasty, vicious and wicked.

The court refused applications for leave to appeal against the sentences.

Robert Evans, aged 19, of Lingfield Approach, Leeds, had his appeal against sentence dismissed.



Mr David Goldstone: Put in the winning bid.

LT to close Tube stations and cut buses

By Michael Bailey
Transport Correspondent

London Underground stations will be shut, peak-hour trains will be fewer and more crowded, and bus services will be cut as a result of the Law Lords' judgment on the "Fares Fair" policy, London Transport said yesterday.

When fares double next March Underground services will start 30 minutes later in the morning, at about 6 am, and finish 30 minutes earlier, at about midnight. Some night bus services from the West End and Fleet Street area to places such as Enfield, Romford, and Tooting, will stop. There will be reduced frequency on nearly all routes, so that a 10-minute wait will become about 15 minutes, the authority said.

The effect of the cuts will be to save £22m on operating costs in a full year, and £32m on capital expenditure over four years.

We very much regret these cuts which will mean more traffic on the roads," the authority said last night. "We are not happy about the proposals, which are the result of being forced to act in a business rather than a social way."

The longer term three Tube stations, Regent's Park and Edgware Road on the Bakerloo Line, and Farringham in Essex on the Central will be closed (the former two need millions of pounds spent on new lines). Branch line closure will shut Aldwych, Ongar, North Weald, and Shoreditch stations.

Three other branch lines, Croxley-Watford, Woodford-Rainault, and Whitechapel-New Cross, may be retained but as many as 15 other stations which London Transport would not name.

"We have no appetite for service cuts," Sir Peter Massfield, chairman of the authority, said yesterday, "especially as current low fares have increased our business. But we have to accept that higher fares from March 21 will reduce demand by up to a fifth, and service reductions are less than this. We are also taking steps to ensure that our services, though marginally less frequent, will I hope be more reliable."

Underground services are being cut by 5 per cent from 30.3 million train miles last year to 28.7 million. That will be achieved mainly by cuts in peak-hour services. An average interval in a typical central station will rise from two and a half to three minutes between trains.

The authority hopes that will not lead to undue overcrowding because it expects an 11 per cent drop in Underground passengers as a result of the fare rise. The number of passengers has already fallen by 16 per cent in 10 years.

Merseyside County Council is to continue its cheap bus fares scheme even though it could leave it £25m short in the next tax year.

But the council has shelved plans for further fare cuts in October because of target budget figures set by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment.

Science report Yoga puts warmth in Tibetan toes

By the Staff of "Nature"

All kinds of privations have been practised in the name of religion, from fasting to hair shirts, but one of the most bizarre must be the Tibetan 30 Tum-mo (heat) yoga, whose thermal achievements have now been investigated and confirmed by a team of American and Indian scientists.

A novice 30 Tum-mo yogi must start off with a strong vocation and a predilection for cold. He begins his exercise sitting cross-legged and naked on the ground. Sheets soaked in icy water are wrapped around him. His task is to dry the sheet with the warmth of his body created by the drawing in of prana, the vapour of scattered, normal consciousness, into the "central channel" of the body.

Alas, when the sheet is dry it is taken from him. Another icy sheet replaces the first. When that is dry, there comes a third, and so on through the night.

This activity still goes on after the Chinese invasion of Tibet, in a monastic community in Upper Dhamarsa, in northern India; and, with the permission of the Dalai Lama, a team from the Harvard Medical School, the US Army Research Institute, and other interested laboratories in the USA and India, set out to investigate.

The results are remarkable. Precised 30 Tum-mo yogis can raise the temperature of their fingers and toes by more than 8°C (15°F) by taking thought; or, more strictly, by meditating.

The research team wired up a number of 30 Tum-mo yogis with thermometers to measure internal (rectal) temperatures, and the temperature of chest, forearms, fingers and toes, and asked the yogi to meditate. One 58-year-old, sitting quietly in the lotus posture, raised his finger temperature by 6°C in under an hour, and warmed his toes by 7°C. A youngster of 46 managed over 7°C in his fingers, part of the rise occurring after he had stopped meditating, but the record came with a 50-year-old who warmed his toes 8.3°C in 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, however, there were no changes in internal body temperature, and no changes in other parts of the body and in the air temperature were slight.

That suggests that what the yogis were doing was to take mental control of their circulation, making the smooth muscle that opens and narrows blood vessels to increase and diminish blood flow in tissues. Normally the system is not under conscious control, but experiments on non-yogi, western subjects have shown that a degree of control can be learnt, though to nothing like so great a degree as the 30 Tum-mo have achieved.

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Land's End grant available

By Hugh Clayton
Environment Correspondent

Government subsidies for the restoration of Land's End will be paid to Mr David Goldstone, the new owner, if he agrees to adopt landscaping changes planned by the National Trust. The Countryside Commission, a leading supporter of the trust's bid for the property, said yesterday that "several hundred thousand pounds" were available for restoration.

The commission appealed to ministers last month for £500,000 to be added to the trust's offer for Land's End, the most famous piece of privately owned coastline in Britain. The Government refused to pay and Mr Goldstone won the bidding on Thursday with an offer of £500,000 above the trust's £1.25m.

The trust was ready with a plan more comprehensive than that proposed by Mr Charles Neave-Hill, the previous owner. It wanted to demolish buildings near the cliffs, repair erosion and build a new car park, a visitor reception area, a wall behind the most scenic part of the property near the coast.

The commission, statutory guardian of the rural landscape, is watching the fate of Land's End because it lies in an official area of outstanding natural beauty.

Mr Goldstone was not available for comment.

Health service allocation criticized as unrealistic

By Annabel Ferriman, Health Services Correspondent

Allocations of money to the regional health authorities, announced in Parliament yesterday, showed London and the South-east again coming off worst and East Anglia and Trent coming out on top.

Since the Resources Allocation Working Party reported in 1976, attempts have been made to redistribute money in the health service away from the wealthy South-east towards the underfunded regions.

The overall growth rate of 1.7 per cent for the health service for 1982-83 was criticized as inadequate by Mr William Davies, chairman of the National Association of Health Authorities.

It was scarcely enough to cover the increased burden on the health service brought by the rise in the number of old people and would not allow enough flexibility to redistribute resources in favour of the priority areas: community care, preventive medicine, and services for the mentally ill and handicapped.

Mr Davies said that the allowance for growth also depended on pay being kept to 4 per cent and prices to 9 per cent.

The percentage increases for each region are: East Anglia 3.25; Trent 3.00; Wessex 2.79; North-Western 2.79; Northern 2.65; South-Western 2.59; Oxford 2.30; West Midlands 2.20; Yorkshire 1.95; Mersey 1.13; South-West Thames 0.46; South-East Thames 0.34; North-East Thames 0.33; North-West Thames 0.30.

Cancer screening successes

Early detection of breast cancer by the use of breast X-ray examination (mammography) greatly improves the chances of survival, Dr Patricia Last, head of the women's unit of the British United Provident Association, said yesterday.

More than 70 per cent of women found to have breast cancer among the unscreened programmes carried out by BUPA are still alive seven years later.

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Mr Eyre said the Estate Agents Act 1979 which had been brought into effect should be raised to standards in this professional area. The minister (he added) will certainly consider whether there is need for further Government action and if so what the best vehicle for such action might be.

The debate was adjourned.

Success for BL with launch of Comet.

BL Systems are marketing the Comet electronic mailbox bureau service in the UK.

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BL Fighting back

Consumers to get more protection

MP's BILL

The Law Commission is to scrutinize the law relating to contracts of service to see how it can be modified and strengthened.

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Mrs Oppenheim said the Bill would be welcomed as helping consumers in an area of widespread and justifiable dissatisfaction and frustration.

The Government could see considerable difficulties however in Clause 16 of the Bill, which proposed that traders should not be able to contract out of the implied term, that they should exercise reasonable care and skill when providing services.

Mr Frederick Willey (Sunderland, North, Lab), the sponsor, in moving the second reading, said that the law only protected sale of goods for money price. His Bill extended that protection to transactions analogous to sale where goods were supplied but not bought only for money; a host of transactions would gain protection.

It would cover the case where an old car was traded in towards the purchase of a new one, or where goods were purchased with coupons or vouchers. Most importantly, the Bill covered goods which were provided under work and materials contracts. For instance, if a plumber fixed taps in a home, the protection would be the same as if the taps were bought in the shop.

The Bill also provided hire with similar statutory protection.

Hire was currently outside the Sale of Goods Act because there was no transfer of ownership. A host of goods were hired, such as television sets, cars and office equipment. By and large those services were satisfactory but there were some dissatisfactions.

The Bill provided statutory protection over contracts for services. There had been a vast increase in the provision of services. Firms had mushroomed. There are plenty of cowboys on the scene and the most serious consequences. He thoroughly recognized that and the Bill provided that the Secretary of State for Trade should have the power to provide, or order, all or part of the provisions of the Bill should not apply to a particular service.

Mrs Oppenheim also said that the party by the Law Commission to codify and strengthen the existing common law would be followed by a working paper seeking the views of interested parties before final proposals were made.

The position of consumers would be strengthened if the existing common law was codified so that consumers could point to a specific statute. That was what the Bill sought to do.

Mr Thomas Costain (Wandsworth, Tooting, Lab) said it would help constituents if lists of approved persons who would guarantee to provide a first class service at reasonable cost were made available by local authorities.

John Fraser, an Opposition spokesman on prices and consumer protection (Lambeth, Norwood, Lab) said for too long the consumer had been unable to take advantage of the vagueness of the situation and in doing so had damaged the reputation of honest traders and craftsmen.

Mrs Janet Peakes (Plymouth, Devon, Lab) said the descriptive blurb used by estate agents would be covered by the Bill. Some of the descriptions of property were almost a laughing stock. A "house of character" frequently turned out to be an ugly Victorian villa with no damp course.

Mrs Oppenheim said she hoped agreement on the text of the doorstep selling directive would be reached soon, subject to agreement on the final text accepted, then legislation by Bill or order would have to follow.

She confirmed that if a sub-contractor botched a job the consumer could proceed against the original contractor.

The Bill was read a second time.

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Subnormal girl's detention outrages judge

From our Correspondent, Wolverhampton

A judge said yesterday it was outrageous that no hospital place can be found for Julie Garratt, a mentally subnormal girl, aged 19, who has been held in custody since August after being convicted of assault. At the time it was said she needed secure treatment for life.

Judge Chesterman Talbot, who was forced to remand Garratt in custody again, said at Wolverhampton Crown Court: "I cannot restrain myself from my indignation. I am not concerned with administrative claptrap. I want this poor unfortunate girl to be found a place in hospital. She has been languishing in custody week by week. It really is a public scandal."

"It is a wicked thing and an appalling state of affairs. I want it to be brought to the attention of the whole nation. It is a most appalling situation when this girl cannot be found a bed and cannot be looked after, I have no alternative but to leave her at the remand centre because the health authority will not find her a bed. It is a scandal that she should be kept in conditions like this, something that anyone with human sympathy must feel."

"She has now been before the court four times and still nothing has been done. It is no good leaving her in the equivalent of a prison, it is a wicked thing to do."

The Dudley Area Health Authority will have to seriously consider paying for her to go to a psychiatric hospital. I hope that a public enquiry is asked for so that the case can be investigated. I want it raised at the highest possible level if only to ensure it does not happen again."

"It must go before Parliament and I hope that the minister will be induced to find an answer to this outrageous state of affairs."

Up, up and away go the dustbin liners

By Ronald Faux

Flying shopping bags and airborne dustbin liners are proving an irritation for the Civil Aviation Authority, which has received a barrage of applications from enthusiasts who build balloons out of those unlikely materials, and register them.

"We have to treat these flying machines seriously, even though many are made merely to obtain a registration number. They could be a hazard if they were released," a CAA official said.

About 300 such non-manned balloons have been registered with the authority. Ways of rewarding the regulations to exclude plastic bags are being considered.

The reason for the rash of odd balloons is probably that they offer a cheap way of appearing on the official list of aircraft owners and thus securing a registration number. Plane-spotting in Britain attracts the same zeal as did train-spotting in the heyday of steam.

The enthusiasts find personal registration very appealing, especially when the so-called aircraft can be built for a few pence, and having it registered costs only £5.

The law states that any balloon that is flown and measures more than 2 metres across must have a registration number. The aircraft authority explained that that was a safety measure in case the balloon drifted into an aircraft, was sucked into the engine of a passing jet, or descended in the middle of a motorway.

"The intention seems to be that these balloons are not for flying even though they acquire a registration number. Some miniature balloons that are flown are really very handsome and have a great interest. We have to take an all-round view and include these supermarket bags and dustbin liners in the same group," the CAA said.

Mailer accepts verdict on protégé is fair

From Michael Hamlyn, New York, Jan 22

Norman Mailer, the writer, said yesterday that he thought the manslaughter verdict against his protégé Jack Abbott, the jailhouse author, was appropriate.

"I think it was a fair verdict," he said, adding that he was highly dubious that Mr Abbott was guilty of premeditation.

Mr Abbott had faced a charge of murder for killing a waiter outside a Greenwich Village bistro while he was out of jail on a work release programme. But his counsel impressed the jury by describing the convict-writer's life in institutions, which he claimed had brutalized him and so confused him that he was acting under "extreme emotional disturbance."

Mr Abbott admitted stabbing the waiter, a newly married actor and aspiring playwright called Richard Adair, but said that he thought Mr Adair was threatening him.

The judge will sentence him on February 24 after psychiatric testing. It was Mr Abbott's thirty-eighth birthday yesterday, and he has spent 24 of those years in penal institutions. He says he has spent 15 years in solitary confinement. He wrote to Norman Mailer after the publication of Mr Mailer's book on Gary Gilmore, and a correspondence developed which Mr Mailer was instrumental in having published as *In The Belly Of The Beast*. The book is a best seller.

Mr Mailer also sponsored the convict's release from jail, and gave him work as a literary researcher. But his protégé proved unable to cope with life on the outside.

Mr Mailer has had a great deal of criticism for his support of Mr Abbott since the murder took place. Newspapers have editorialized against him, urging him to "get his head on straight" (New York News), or recall-

ing that he himself stabbed his wife in the stomach 20 years ago.

At one time he wrote: "It takes a literal faith in the creative possibilities of the human being to envisage acts of violence as the catharsis which prepares growth". He had a stormy press conference during the trial in which he pleaded for leniency for Mr Abbott, but he lost his temper and called one woman journalist a

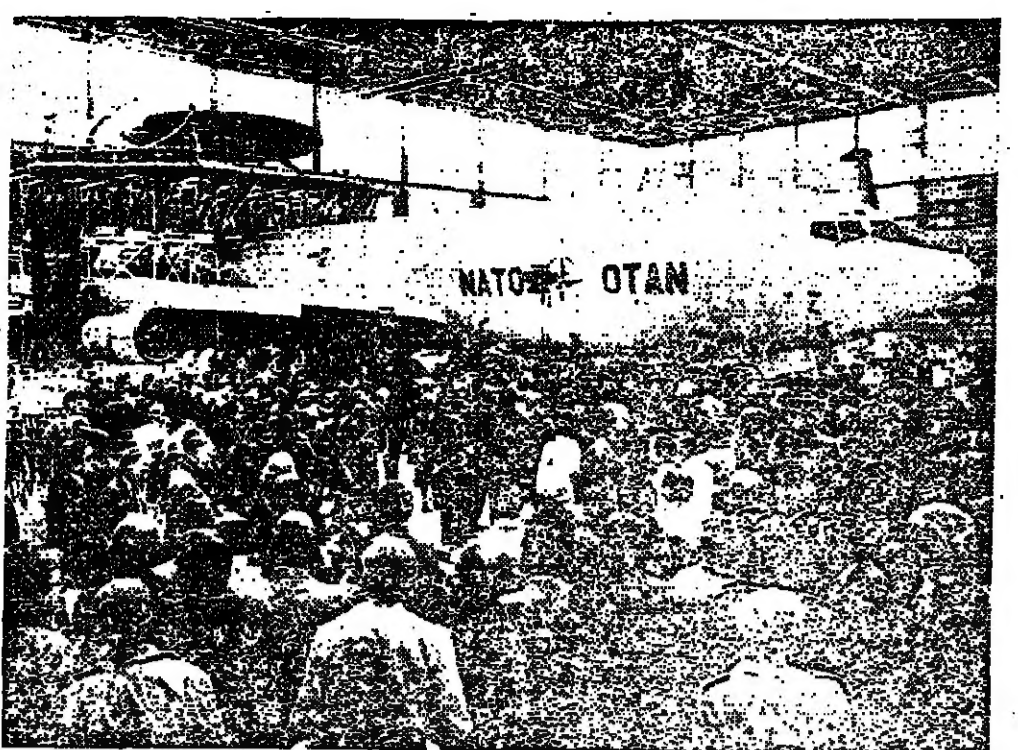
But other writers have been more supportive. At a special conference held jointly by Pen, the writers' association and the Fortune Society which helps ex-prisoners, William Styron, author of *Sophistic Choice* said that his heart went out to Mr Abbott because "I have an Abbott in my life". His protégé in prison was about to be paroled when he bolted, kidnapped and raped a Massachusetts housewife.

"I haven't lost faith in him," Mr Styron said. "I hope to be able to walk with him through New York City sometime soon." And Katherine Perutz who is a novelist and the founder of Pen's correspondence programme among writers in and out of prison related one case that — so far — has a happy outcome.

She told of a former drug addict who left prison and returned to the street. She said he told her: "Everyone else is shooting up, but not me. I'm a writer."

There was not a great deal of further support from that meeting. Edward Albee, author of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* called the Abbott trial an "appalling circus".

Mr Abbott has previous convictions. He has already been convicted of bank robbery and of killing a fellow prisoner. But the judge has a good deal of flexibility



The list of Nato's 18 Awaacs aircraft in Europe being handed over to the allied forces near Munich yesterday. The aircraft, costing about £1,000m, will be deployed near Aachen on the German-Dutch border by 1985.

PUBLISHER GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE

From Jacqueline Reditt, Seoul, Jan 22

Speculators in a packed court shouted, waved their fists and wept today after Mr Lee Tae Bok, the South Korean publisher, had been sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mr Lee, aged 30, a Roman Catholic, was found guilty of violating the national security law and the state prosecutor had demanded the death penalty. He was accused of publishing and distributing banned foreign books, mostly by Marxist authors, and of organizing student and labour groups with the aim of spreading communist ideals and overthrowing the government.

Although the prosecution originally claimed that only 18 people were involved in Mr Lee's case, 25 defendants stood trial with him today.

His former editor, Lee Son Kun, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, and Mr Abbott has previous convictions. He has already been convicted of bank robbery and of killing a fellow prisoner. But the judge has a good deal of flexibility

Seoul tries again for Korean reunification

From Our Correspondent, Seoul, Jan 22

President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea today made a new offer of peaceful cooperation with the Communist regime of North Korea. He proposed a formula for reunification and made it clear that his 1981 proposals to exchange visits with President Kim Il-Sung of North Korea were still valid.

President Chun made the initiatives in new year policy statement to the National Assembly. This is the first time since 1967 that a Korean President has made his new year speech to Parliament and was intended to show that parliament is again a significant force and that democracy has been restored in South Korea.

The reunification formula calls for the organization of a consultative conference for national reunification. North and South participants of this body would draft consti-

tutions to be forged into a single draft for a unified democratic republic of Korea.

First step would be talks to arrange a summit between the two Koreas and then a provisional agreement of basic relations. Included in the provisions of this agreement, President Chun proposed recognition of each other's socio-political system, non-interference in internal affairs, an end to the arms race and military confrontation, the setting up of resident liaison missions in Seoul, free travel and communication between North and South, and respect for each other's international agreements until unification.

The last clause would counter the North's demand for the removal of United States troops from the South as a prerequisite for negotiations.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Drug arrests filmed for 'Police'

Arrests for suspected drug trafficking and possession during the pop festival in Reading were filmed for the latest programme in the television series *Police*, about the workings of the Thames Valley force (David Nicholson-Lord writes).

The programme, to be shown on BBC1 on Monday, shows the discovery of what drugs squad detectives initially believed may have been £25,000 worth of drugs, possibly LSD, in a girl's plastic bag.

But tests proved that the detectives' belief was mistaken and the girl was finally given a suspended sentence for attempting to cheat her customers.

Personal appeal for nuns

A convent worried about its dwindling numbers is advertising in the personal columns of local newspapers for novices.

The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, in Old London Road, Hastings, Sussex, feel a newspaper advertisement may encourage women and girls to think more about religion. Two women have responded so far.

Police forbid marches

A planned march through Halifax by members of the right-wing British Movement today has been banned by Calderdale Council on the advice of Mr Ronald Gregory, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire.

Counter-demonstrations had been threatened by left-wing organizations, members of Halifax's immigrant community and the Anti-Nazi League. The police said the ban on all marches from 6am today had been recommended because of the possibility of public disorder.

Former boxing champion jailed

Tommy Glencross the former British featherweight boxing champion jailed for 18 months yesterday for slashing a man's face in a fight in a Birmingham public house.

Glencross, aged 34 of Nursery Road, Newtown, Birmingham was convicted at an earlier Birmingham Crown Court hearing of malicious wounding. He had denied the charge. Sentence had been adjourned for medical reports.

Ferries cancelled

Sealink ferries to Guernsey were cancelled yesterday and flights from the island delayed as about 1,300 government workers took industrial action in support of a 10.7 per cent pay claim. The Guernsey Government has offered them 8 per cent.

Scarman condemns ethnic schooling

By Sarah Bayliss, of "The Times Educational Supplement"

Lord Scarman delivered a strong condemnation of separate schools for the children of ethnic minorities yesterday.

Speaking at the annual conference of the Society of Education Officers in London, he said: "I would view with absolute horror the development of these schools. It would be terrible if there were separate Islamic or Hindu schools."

In answer to a question from Mr Edwin Owens, chief education officer of North Yorkshire, about the desirability of ethnic minorities being allowed to set up their own schools, Lord Scarman said his experience in Northern Ireland told him that one

cause of the troubles there was the separate education of Protestant and Roman Catholic children. "I do not want that to be mirrored in this country."

Lord Scarman, whose report on the Brixton riots was published in November, said that education officers had a big responsibility to try to unite British society. Some basic educational problems had to be tackled if summer riots were to be avoided in future.

The biggest responsibility was to ensure that children learnt in primary school to speak good English, as well as to read and write. He had met a number of employers whose willingness to employ young blacks was frustrated because the teenagers were inarticulate. Better liaison between schools and parents was also needed. From conversations with West Indian parents he knew that many did not feel welcome or at ease in schools.

"I am bound to say that some well meaning head teachers are simply not succeeding in getting parents involved."

Positive action was needed in secondary schools to help children to prepare for the competitiveness of the jobs market. Given the prospect of continued unemployment, schools should also train children how to use and enjoy their leisure time with more emphasis on art, music and sport. "Many of these rioters rioted from sheer damn boredom", he said.



Lord Scarman: More emphasis on leisure time.

CAMBRIDGE EXAM MAY BE EARLIER

By Diana Geddes, Education Correspondent

Cambridge University is considering moving the date of its entrance examination from the autumn term of the third year in the sixth form to the end of the spring term preceding A levels. It is hoped that the move will be of particular benefit to pupils in comprehensive schools. Oxford has no plans to follow suit.

The proposal, put forward by a working party of college admissions tutors, will be discussed by a meeting of all college representatives next Friday.

Fewer than half last year's successful applicants to Cambridge came from maintained schools.

The number of scholarships and exhibitions available at Oxford is to be reduced next year to no more than a quarter of each college's intake.

Congregation, representing all the academic staff at Oxford, has rejected by 511 votes to 439 a proposal that fees should no longer be paid to examiners or supervisors of graduate students. A proposal that the undergraduate School of Agricultural and Forest Sciences at Oxford should be closed was approved by 553 votes to 217.

APPEAL ON TV LEVY REJECTED

By Kenneth Gosling

A Report by the Committee on Welsh Affairs is commended in a government White Paper out today as a thorough and perceptive appraisal of the question of Welsh language broadcasting.

The Government takes issue, however, with a recommendation that interest payments on capital borrowed by television programme contractors should be allowed as relevant expenditure for levy purposes.

"The Government is aware," the White Paper says, "that the exclusion of interest paid from relevant expenditure can weigh heavily on those independent television companies with high capital borrowings: it is also aware of the committee's concern about the viability of the television programme contractor for Wales. It sees difficulty, however, in the committee's recommendation."

The Government saw no reason why an advantage, in terms of levy liability, should be conferred on companies preferring loan capital to equity shareholdings: moreover, to allow interest payments to count as relevant expenditure would allow considerable scope for levy avoidance.

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Tax rise for US delayed by White House

From Bailey Morris, Washington, Jan 22

President Reagan has delayed a decision on whether to double excise taxes on liquor and luxury items after reviewing public opinion sampling which showed strong opposition officials said.

Mr Reagan told Mr David Gergen, the White House Communications Director yesterday to deny widely circulated reports that he had approved temporary increases in taxes on cigarettes, liquor and other luxuries to raise an additional \$15,000m (£7,500m) in federal revenue in the 1983 financial year. Accordingly, Mr Gergen told reporters that the President had not yet made up his mind on several big policy decisions he expects to announce in his State of the Union message next Tuesday.

Instead, Mr Reagan has asked his policy advisers to produce new ways of narrowing a massive federal deficit expected to climb to \$100,000m in fiscal 1983.

The President is reported to have approved new spending cuts for fiscal 1983 of close to \$31,000m but this will not be enough to reduce the projected deficit appreciably.

At Camp David, Mr Reagan must decide whether the political consequences of increasing unpopular taxes to reduce the deficit only slightly is worth the risk.

American opinion, showed strong public opposition to the taxes, White House officials disclosed.

Mr Reagan has been considering these limited tax increases as a means of both reducing the federal deficit and financing a controversial new programme transferring control of important social programmes to the revenue-starved states. This programme of "New Federalism" shifting revenues and responsibilities from Washington to state governments is expected to be a focal point of Mr Reagan's State of the Union message.

At present, however, it is not clear whether Mr Reagan can finance the transfer of some 40 programmes to the states without additional excise taxes, Administration officials said.

The President's reluctance to increase taxes is well known and has been repeated by him in press conferences and public statements. He agreed to consider limited tax increases only at the urging of key Republicans alarmed by the prospect of a mushrooming federal deficit.

Mr Reagan's apparent change of mind on the excise tax proposals stemmed from his meetings and conversations with business and congressional leaders who strongly oppose them on the grounds that they hurt the working man, a senior official said. In addition, the sophisticated White House polling apparatus, which daily checks the pulse of



Carriages as high as a house, travelling at 155mph, from the Volga to Paris and Istanbul... but they never left the drawing board

Hitler dreamt of the world's biggest train

From Patricia Clough, Bonn, Jan 22

Secret plans by Hitler to build a transcontinental railway, with engines and carriages the size of houses, have been unearthed by a West German railway official.

The double-deck trains were to have been 22ft 5ins high and 19ft 5ins wide, running on tracks with a gauge of 9ft 10ins.

The engines which were supposed to pull the trains at speeds of about 155mph were to be up to 133ft 7ins long and some had 52 axles. Inside, the carriages were to be fitted with the luxury and elegance of a transatlantic liner. The system was planned to traverse what Hitler hoped would one day

be his Greater German Reich from the River Volga to Paris from Hamburg to Istanbul.

They carried a "strictly secret" classification and were known only to a handful of engineers. The Third Reich fell while the plans were still on the drawing board.

They were discovered by accident by Herr Anton Joachimsthaler, a Munich railway official. He found further plans, drawings and information in the West German and East German state archives, among the papers of railway planners who had died and in conversations with those still alive.

In a book entitled *Die Breitspurbahn Hitler's* (Hitler's wide-gauge railway), Publishers: Eisenbahn-Kurier Verlag, Freiburg) he traces the progress of the great transport project from its inception, a suggestion by Fritz Todt, the predecessor of Albert Speer as Hitler's Armaments Minister.

After the first successes of Hitler's march into Russia, he proposed a wide-gauge railway to transport large quantities of goods from the Ukraine to Upper Silesia in what is now Poland. Within his megalomaniac imagination Hitler fancied himself as master builder and was already working on projects

for the larger German cities. He envisaged great stations for the new trains in which — Speer recalled — "the architecture and with it the power of the Reich was to overwhelm travellers, literally to slay them".

At first, his Reichsbahn engineers thought in terms of 13 or 16ft gauges before settling on 9ft 10ins. Even then the trains were twice as long and twice as wide as was normal with one carriage having the capacity of eight ordinary carriages.

The planned eight-carriage trains could carry 1,728 passengers against a normal 15-carriage train's 720 pas-

sengers. The upper deck of the last carriage was to be an observation compartment.

There were plans for first-class passengers to have carpeted reception rooms, armchairs, dressing tables and showers. The 16ft high restaurant had the appearance of a huge hotel dining room, sleeping compartments were panelled with polished wood, dark for men light for women. East Europeans, however, who were considered by the Nazis to be subhuman, were to be crammed 480 to a carriage served by only a tiny cafeteria.

The railway was supposed

to be built when the war was over and the whole of Europe under Nazi domination but as it dragged on Hitler ordered the trains to be equipped with anti-aircraft guns and redesigned so they could carry heavy war material.

The 100 officials and 30 engineers involved in the project went on working even though they knew what Hitler refused to admit: that the war was lost and the trains would never be built. As long as they worked on the project, they were exempt from call-up into the Wehrmacht. For many, the project probably saved their lives.

Reagan embarrassed by press interview errors

From Nicholas Hirst, Washington, Jan 22

President Reagan has been involved in an embarrassing series of press interview errors which have caused him to be embarrassed by his own press interview errors.

White House spokesmen have tried to explain his statements and the President has defended an answer he gave on unemployment.

But his officials have had to admit that he got some of his statistics wrong, and an answer he gave on the Pope's support for United States measures taken over Poland has drawn an apparent rebuke from the Vatican.

Furthermore, the President's failure to reply directly when asked if he believed Mr Paul Volcker should resign the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board left spokesmen with the task of clarifying the position. The President had not meant to imply he was asking for a resignation.

The most marked error he made was his contention that rising unemployment was "a continuation of an increase that got under way" in the last months of the Carter administration.

In fact, unemployment declined from 7.6 per cent to 7.4 per cent during President Carter's last three months in office.

After the press conference a White House spokesman said Mr Reagan "mis-spoke" on unemployment, but next day, while saying he was

distressed by reports that he had mis-stated his figures the President defended a claim that "there are millions more people working than there were in 1980".

As in sanctions on Poland, he said he had received a letter from the Pope saying he "approves of what we've done so far". But the Vatican, in a statement interpreted as a mild rebuke, said that the support the Pope had expressed in a letter on January 4 in reply to two from President Reagan was "not of a political nature".

A spokesman said yesterday that the White House had made a good-faith effort to check facts about an Arizona programme to feed elderly people. At his conference Mr Reagan had praised it for cutting costs while doubling the number of people fed.

It transpired that people were working on the programme as volunteers because federal grants had been cut and the increase in the number being fed was a result of the closure of other government-sponsored facilities.

Mr Reagan asked at his conference that the Administration should not be judged by its mistakes, but commentators are increasingly drawing attention to his own slips of memory and fact.

EEC show disapproval of Ankara

From George Clark Strasbourg, Jan 22

The European Parliament yesterday voted to end its links with Turkish parliamentarians as a protest against the actions of the military regime in Ankara. Relations with Turkey through the joint EEC-Turkey committee will be suspended "until such time as the Turkish National Assembly has been freely elected in a secret ballot by direct universal suffrage and has taken office", according to the resolution carried yesterday.

The joint committee delegation is chaired by Herr Ludwig Fellmerhauer, a West German Socialist, and its 18 members include three conservatives and one British Labour MEP.

Carried by a narrow margin with only about a quarter of MEP's present, the resolution condemned the military regime's violence and in particular "the mock trial now under way in Istanbul of leaders of the democratic forces".

The European Democratic (Conservative) group, not at full strength, voted against every section of the resolution, which had been tabled by Communists and their allies. Few Christian Democrats were present to support the opposition and the Liberals abstained on the grounds that the political committee of Parliament is meeting next week to formulate an all-party declaration.

Besides asking the President of Parliament to take action to help 52 trade union leaders whose lives are in danger, the resolution reiterated Parliament's request to the Council of Ministers to suspend all Community financial aid to Turkey "until respect for human and civil rights and democratic liberties is once again assured".

Mr Adam Ferguson, MEP for Strathclyde, West, spokesman for the Conservatives, said: "This resolution was put forward precisely to throw sand in the eyes of everyone who is trying to expose the actions of the military regime in Poland." "In the foreign affairs debate yesterday speaker rejected attempts by left-wing parties to equate the actions of the military junta in Turkey with the Russian-directed military coup in Poland. The circumstances in which the military coups happened and the dangers they pose to world peace are totally different."

Antisemitic leanings in Polish organization Nationalists flourish under new regime

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw, Jan 22

Under the benevolent gaze of Poland's Military Council, one of the few surviving political groupings, the Grunwald organization, is emerging from the shadows.

The group is dedicated to reviving and channeling nationalist emotions in Polish youth but it has also a sinister side. Even now, the Grunwald rhetoric echoes with references to "cosmopolitanism" and "Jewish influence" on Poland's affairs.

Why should the Grunwald Group be protected by the Polish Government? Why does the Military Council ban or suspend organizations as diverse as Solidarity the free trade union organization, the Catholic Pax faction, the nationalist KPN and the independent student union NZS but allow Grunwald to survive?

Even the official trade union movement is restricted yet Grunwald, which even its friends admit has antisemitic leanings, is actively planning a book publishing venture and the establishment of a "library" for the conscious "Other antisemitic voices have been heard since the introduction of martial law five weeks ago. A Szczytno newspaper has published a particularly virulent anti-Jewish article and the official innuendo is unmistakable when reference is made to the non-Polishness of Solidarity advisers."

The answer seems to be embedded in the current factional struggles in the Communist Party (still called the United Workers Party); struggles that involve not just feuding between reformers and hardliners, liberal and dogmatic Marxists but also between groups that have radically different views about the future of the nation.

Grunwald's immunity stems from two causes. First, it is an instrument of one

faction that wants to foster a strong nationalist revival, harness those forces that once supported the KPN group (the Confederation for independent Poland) and direct them into a safe pro-soviet corner.

Second, the Military Council cannot rely on the party, caught in the middle of a purge, to mobilize support for its policies. The Central Committee has yet to meet after five weeks of martial law and the grass roots are dominated by careerists, the reformists having either resigned (hundreds of thousands over the past year), been expelled (2,500 in the past three weeks) or simply decided to lay low.

The party is drained of vitality and devoid of purpose. It needs time to recover, lick and heal its wounds. But the Military Council has little time available and now seems to be looking to the Grunwald Group, not as a substitute for the party but as moulder of emotions. The Military Council claims its aim is national salvation. So does Grunwald.

The distinguishing feature of martial law has been the need to seek out scapegoats, real and imagined enemies. Show trials are a daily occurrence, driving home the message like an advertising slogan: No impunity, no corruption, no dissent, no labour unrest, no criticism of the Warsaw Pact.

Grunwald fits the bill well. It always had more enemies than members, but now Mr Bohdan Poreba, the chairman of Grunwald, believes that his time has come. "So far," he told *The Times* in an interview, "we have not been given the chance to speak openly. Now we will get that opportunity."

He admits, to friends in the Politburo, "There are some who like us, others who don't. Those who don't have

been badly informed. Now we have to prove that Grunwald is a useful, pure organization."

The group, during the 16 months of Solidarity's Poland, was always regarded as a relatively unimportant fringe group, its antisemitism a losing cause (there are only a few thousand Polish Jews left).

Mr Poreba estimates membership now at 250,000. This is almost certainly an exaggeration and other figures around 100,000 have been mentioned by Grunwald officials. Even so, that is a substantial number and now Grunwald has the only non-party-aligned platform in the country Mr Poreba's plans for expansion could well be realized.

Grunwald believes that Polish youth has been dangerously misled by Solidarity, that the country was heading for disaster before the imposition of martial law. Poland, says Mr Poreba, has been divided so many times, invaded and sliced up by the great powers, that inevitably nationalism took on a romantic rather than realistic form.

"As a nation the Poles are great," he said, paraphrasing a Polish poet, "but as a society they are inadequate, the result has been manipulation of the Polish national spirit by certain forces."

These forces were active in KOR, the Committee for Workers Self-defence which advised Solidarity. The forces were active, too, in the postwar Stalinist era and have to be controlled.

Grunwald first made an impact in 1958 then, after a long period of inactivity, re-emerged in 1981, securing its official registration soon afterwards; in vivid contrast to Solidarity that faced months of strike threats and industrial action before being officially recognised.

Speaking of Grunwald last

year, Mr Stefan Olszowski, still a powerful force in the Politburo, said: "It is sure to be registered. It defends the persecuted. It has valuable attributes."

Antisemitism is totally alien to us," Mr Poreba said. "But at the same time it is clear that Jews were far more active in the security services after the war than was warranted by their proportional presence in the population."

That is the thrust of Grunwald's creed: Poland, in order to understand fully its nationalism, and thus resist manipulation, has to know what happened during the Stalinist years. Several Poles of Jewish origin were then indeed in the security services and took part in the postwar purges.

"They and they are still active, or their children believe they can take advantage of every crisis and push towards destroying the true Poland." That is the key to Grunwald's code, the system is under constant threat from a continuum stretching from the security service interrogators of the 1950s to Solidarity activists in the 1980s.

These are potentially dangerous and certainly unpleasant sentiments. But they serve the needs of the moment: martial law only makes sense if the system is under threat. Grunwald articulates the nature of that "threat". Therefore, Grunwald is allowed to function. Grunwald, Mr Poreba says, is pro-worker, pro-Soviet but above all pro-Pole.

The question is not so much: Should Grunwald represent Polish nationalism? As Dr Domagala, a Polish Grunwald? With its special platform it may attract more support. The evidence, though, is that Polish nationalism is, if anything, inclined to be anti-Russian rather than antisemitic.

Gibraltar's jail called grotesque

By David Cross

Prison conditions in Gibraltar's Moorish Castle appear not to have improved much since it was built in the mid-fourteenth century by Abu al Hassan, the Moroccan monarch who captured the Rock from the Spaniards.

Not only is the jail too cramped for the 70 or so prisoners it normally holds; the conditions are described as "grotesquely primitive" and the inmates as "zombie-like".

In a report just published in London under the title *A Prison 1,000 Years Old*, the Howard League for Penal Reform says a new prison should be built in the British colony urgently.

The report was compiled by Mrs Jane Bloom-Cooper, a board member of Holloway Prison and wife of Mr Bloom-Cooper, chairman of the league. Mrs Bloom-Cooper visited the prison last April with the approval of the Gibraltar authorities.

"The prisoners live exposed to the elements," she said. "In the absence of glass windows the seasonal wind can blow the rain and moisture right into the cells."

As there were no corridors, staff and inmates had to go out in all weathers even for food and the lavatories.

According to the report, prisoners and staff believe they have been abandoned by the Government and people of Gibraltar.

Mrs Bloom-Cooper submits "that the Government of Gibraltar is in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Council of Europe Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners".

Puzzling absence of Premier

Colombo — The whereabouts of Mr R. Premadasa, the Prime Minister, who went to San Francisco last month for gall bladder surgery and the reasons for the delay in his return are the subject of intense political speculation. (Our Correspondent writes).

Initial criticism of the large entourage he took with him has been overtaken by concern at his failure to return to Sri Lanka. His office will only confirm that he has left San Francisco and "is recuperating" while on the return journey to Colombo but it is not saying where.

France goes a head with retirement at sixty

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, Jan 22

After introducing the 39-hour week, the French Government has decided in principle to lower the retirement age from 65 to 60, beginning in April next year. This was part of the election manifesto of President Mitterrand, and is one of a series of measures to be taken between now and the end of March which will directly benefit ordinary French men and women.

The decision on retirement at 60 with full pension, calculated on the basis of the salary of the 10 best years, will be published at the end of February.

One of the conditions is that those retiring must have contributed to the national pensions scheme for 37 and a half years, or not 39, or even 42, the Government contemplated with one time. The measure will affect about 600,000 workers who, at

present, can only retire at 60 with very substantial loss of pension rights. It does not affect women or manual workers, who already retire at 60.

The decision will only affect the old age pension paid by the social security system. The Government hopes that the employers and unions, who run the supplementary pensions schemes, to which the majority of workers subscribe, can be persuaded to follow suit and lower the retiring age.

One of the Government's objectives is to reduce unemployment. At present, the supplementary pensions schemes heavily penalize those who retire before 65, and their failure to fall in with the Government scheme would, as *Le Monde* points out, empty it of any significance.

Chemical ban urged by Pravda

Moscow, Jan 22 — The United States is strengthening its arsenal of chemical weapons, *Pravda* said today, and called for a ban on their production and use.

The newspaper blamed Washington for the breakdown of talks with the Soviet Union in 1980 on limiting chemical weapons and said that America was preparing to spend billions of dollars on developing new types of weapons.

American leaders have accused the Soviet Union of building up its chemical arsenal and last year Mr Caspar Weinberger, Defence Secretary, said that Washington would have to restore the balance between the two powers in this field.

Evidence that Soviet-made chemical weapons have been used in Afghanistan against insurgents, and by Vietnamese forces in Cambodia, has also been claimed by the Americans.

Pravda said these charges were false and designed to soften opposition to Washington's chemical weapons programme, and to "lay the political and psychological groundwork for rehabilitating and, possibly, subsequently using these weapons." "The interests of all nations, including the Americans, insistently demand the red light to the arms race in yet another very dangerous direction. The chemical means of mass destruction must be banned," it said.

Warsaw crisis played down by UN leader

By Our Foreign Staff

Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, is appearing seeking to play down the Warsaw crisis and the significance of the Polish crisis.

At his first press conference in New York, he said that he was preoccupied with the humanitarian aspect of the Polish martial law, but that he was not yet received evidence of foreign intervention in Poland. He added that he had been in touch with the Polish authorities about humanitarian issues and was still awaiting a response.

In Vienna, a senior Catholic official said that there was no evidence of

torture in Polish internment camps and that all food packages seemed to be reaching their destination. After a two-day visit to the Polish city of Katowice, Dr Leopold Ungar, head of the Austrian section of the Caritas relief organization, said that priests were not restricted in their relief work.

The International Red Cross in Geneva has said that it needs more than \$10m (about £5m) worth of further emergency aid for Poland during the next four months. According to the organization a total of about \$8.5m worth of help has been offered by 32 national Red Cross societies.

A Home Ministry spokesman made the charge while explaining to reporters why the Government had broken off talks and banned the front on Wednesday. Lal Denga, freed from detention by Mrs Gandhi in 1980, was using the talks, he said, as a cover for building up his underground organization.

Delhi rebukes Mizo leader
Delhi — Indian security forces arrested 90 people of the banned secessionist Mizo National Front in north-east India and the Government said that the Mizo leader, of intransigence at the peace

Tropical Pole
Moscow. — There were palm trees, giant tortoises, alligators and tropical vegetation at the North Pole hundreds of millions of years ago, according to the Academy of Botanical Sciences claimed here after studying soil deposits from Spitzbergen Island.

Koran contest
Tehran. — Iran has invited all Muslim countries, except Iraq, with which it is at war, to a Koran recital competition next month to mark the third anniversary of the Islamic revolution.

Russians eating less food

Moscow, Jan 22 — Food consumption continued to shrink in the Soviet Union in 1980, sometimes to a worrying extent, according to figures in *The Statistics Yearbook of Socialist Countries* just released here.

The figures lend substance to the strictures President Leonid Brezhnev, who has publicly deplored the fact that after 65 years of socialist rule the Soviet Union has still not solved its food production problem; a failing that could not be blamed on the weather alone.

Noting that the shortage of food had political implications, Mr Brezhnev promised that food would be a central issue during the present decade.

According to the yearbook, in 1980 Soviet citizens on average ate 2.2 lbs less meat per capita than in the previous year, consumption falling from 127.8 lbs to 125.6 lbs. Each person's average yearly intake of dairy produce was down by 11 lbs — from 703.2 lbs to 692.2 lbs of milk, butter and cheese.

Fruit and vegetable consumption was also down from 216 lbs to 205 lbs, and even consumption of potatoes, one of the national staples, dropped from 253.5 lbs to 246.9 lbs between 1979 and 1980.

The only food items whose consumption marginally increased were eggs and fish. Soviet citizens ate 238 eggs each, on average in 1980,

Beagle treaty renounced

Buenos Aires. — Argentina yesterday renounced a treaty with Chile which committed both sides to settle peacefully a dispute over ownership of the islands of Picton, Lennox and Mueve and their potentially oil rich offshore waters at the southern tip of the Americas.

But the Argentine Government emphasised that it wanted papal mediation to continue in the dispute which concerns the border along the Beagle Channel, and said it was willing to draw up a new agreement with Chile for solving disputes.

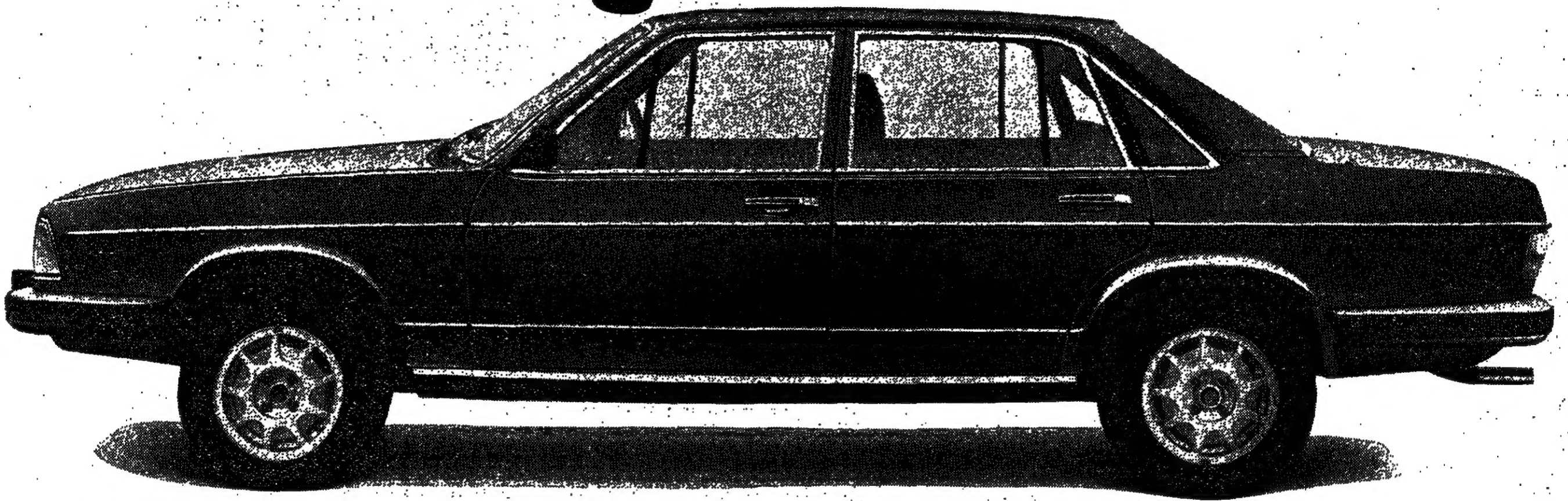
Jesuit's second jail term

Vienno — Father Frantisek Lizna, a Czechoslovak Jesuit priest serving 20 months in prison, has been sentenced to a further seven months, emigre sources said. He was found guilty in Prague on Thursday of damaging the interests of the republic abroad by giving two West German priests a letter for his sister, who lives in Britain. It contained six issues of a forbidden religious magazine.

Pope in Africa

Rome. — The Pope will visit Nigeria, Benin, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea from February 12 to 19, the Vatican announced. At his request his tour of West Africa is being brought forward three days. — *Reuters*.

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What the Polish crisis revealed in Reagan's divided camp

by Henry Kissinger

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The Final Solution in action: a small frightened boy is forced to march under German guns with other Jews from the Warsaw ghetto to an unknown fate in 1943. This is regarded as one of the most telling photographs of the Second World War

The day the Nazis settled for mass murder

Martin Gilbert reconstructs a meeting of senior civil servants in Germany 40 years ago: they had gathered to discuss the European Jewish question...

Forty years ago this week occurred one of the most bizarre and ultimately evil events of the Second World War. It took place in a villa on the shore of a quiet lake, the Wannsee, in a smart suburb of Berlin. Those who gathered there — in a building that before the war had been the international headquarters of Interpol — were for the most part bureaucrats. They came from each of the main ministries of the Reich: 15 senior civil servants representing, among others, the Justice Ministry, the Foreign Office, the Ministry for the Eastern Territories, the office for the Four-Year Plan, and Hitler's Chancellery itself.

The meeting should have taken place two weeks before Christmas. But in the upheavals after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, it had been postponed. Now there was to be no more delay. The convenor of the meeting, SS Obergruppenführer Reinhard Heydrich, Chief of the Security Police, opened the proceedings with the announcement that he had been appointed "plenipotentiary" for the preparation of what he referred to as the "Final solution of the European Jewish question". The meeting had been called to ensure that all agencies concerned in this final solution would work together to follow the same policy.

Previously, Heydrich explained, the "solution" had been seen in emigration. Later this had changed to expulsion. Now these actions were to be regarded "only as provisional options". New experience was being gathered, he said, which would be of major significance for that final solution.

Although he did not say so, Heydrich had received a report of that new experience

from his dutiful subordinate, Adolf Eichmann, who early in December had visited the remote wood in German-occupied Poland where Jews, forced into an enclosed truck, were then driven off towards a clearing and gassed by the truck's exhaust system. By the time the clearing was reached, only corpses remained.

Eichmann had witnessed one such gassing. It had turned his stomach, and he declined an offer to see a second. But of the effectiveness of the method he was left in no doubt. Berlin now had its new "experience" on which to build — and to destroy.

The civil servants listened as Heydrich explained to them the scale of the problem. Using statistics prepared by Eichmann, Heydrich read out the number of Jews who would be "affected" by the final solution. In Germany and Austria, a total of 131,000 Jews remained, despite the emigration of more than half German Jewry before 1933 (many thousands of them to Britain). The Lithuanian figure was a low 34,000, as more than 200,000 Lithuanian Jews had already been murdered in their towns and villages by the notorious *Einsatzgruppen* killing squads which had followed the German army in its advance into Russia.

Some figures depended on the willingness of satellite governments to deport Jews to Germany. Thus the 48,000 Bulgarian Jews on the list were saved by the courage of the Bulgarian King and his government in openly refusing to allow them to be deported. That refusal had been encouraged by the godfather of the King's children, a Catholic diplomat,

Cardinal Roncalli — later Pope John XXIII.

The 5,000 Jews of Denmark were saved when the Danish King and people smuggled them — on the very eve of their intended deportation — in small boats across the sea to neutral Sweden.

As envisaged at Wannsee, the Final Solution was not to be confined to countries inside the Nazi sphere. Even neutral countries, and countries as yet unconquered, were on Eichmann's meticulous list, among them the 4,000 Jews of the neutral Irish Republic. And there was the ominous line: "England... 330,000".

In his survey, Heydrich warned against the danger of the survival of the strongest among the Jews. If allowed to remain, these individuals would become "the germ cell of a new Jewish renewal". They must therefore be "appropriately dealt with".

Even in translation, the euphemisms and understatement have a sinister chill about them. The danger, as Heydrich saw it, lay in local reluctance to help the Nazis in their task. Hungary was seen as an obstacle and indeed for more than two years the Hungarian authorities (headed by the Regent, Admiral Horthy) refused to allow deportations until a German military occupation forced them to comply.

The same obstacles occurred in Italy, where Mussolini not only refused deportation but gave refuge to Jews fleeing from more threatened lands. But within a few days of Mussolini's overthrow in October 1943, the deportations began under direct German supervision.

He told the meeting, "the rounding up of Jews for

evacuation can in all probability take place without great difficulties", whether in the occupied or Vichy zones. In the event, nearly 1,000 Jews were rounded up and deported every week, for more than 80 consecutive weeks, with the support of the local French police. But even this rate of deportation fell far below the Wannsee target because thousands of Jews were hidden by their fellow Frenchmen or given refuge in convents and monasteries.

As it drew to its close, the discussion at Wannsee moved on from Jews to half-Jews. For those with only one Jewish parent, a different solution was envisaged: sterilization. This was to encompass even those with one Jewish grandparent if the individual concerned showed an "especially unfavourable appearance in racial terms". Such a person would be marked out for sterilization "on the strength of his exterior alone".

One of the officials present pointed out, with grim humour, that extensive use could be made of sterilization since the half-Jews, "when confronted with the choice of being evacuated or sterilized, would prefer to submit to sterilization".

Those evacuation plans were now to be put into effect, and, over a two-year period, several million Jews were to be deported and then gassed on arrival at one of the six death camps set up especially for this purpose in German-occupied Poland.

The lakeside meeting was at an end; the participants broke up for drinks before returning to Berlin and to their desks. In this way, the destruction of European Jewry was begun.

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Geoffrey Smith

How the Tories could swing it their way

The one that will come nearest to doing so, though, is not unemployment or inflation, but real purchasing power in the run-up to an election.

The only way that the Conservatives could possibly be reconciled to the hardship of the past three years, with a Government that has specialized in tough talk in the depths of a recession, is for the belief to dawn that there may after all be something to show for the misery. Mrs Thatcher has always presented her strategy as an unpleasant but necessary experience that is required to put to British economy in a condition to compete effectively, and thereby to provide secure jobs, in a harsh world. Only if there seems to be some evidence that her claim is coming true will the Conservatives have any ammunition with which to fight the election.

But if they do have this ammunition, the precise level of unemployment will matter less in strictly electoral terms than may appear likely today. Even with three million out of work only a relatively small minority of families are themselves suffering from unemployment. It arouses such widespread feeling now partly from a proper sense of social sympathy, but also because to many of those still employed it symbolizes the general hardship of today and the fear of tomorrow. How many of those in work

this year fear that they will not be next year?

But things would begin to look rather different once the level of unemployment had started to fall and most people were able to buy more with the money in their pockets. For those in work unemployment would then be a claim on their social conscience rather than a nagging cause of personal anxiety. It will not be necessary therefore for an economic improvement to have a dramatic effect on the unemployment figures before the Conservatives could hope to secure the electoral benefit. What will be critical for them is that there should be a general impression that happy days are on the way.

So far as the Labour Party is concerned all that any good Conservative can do is to pray that it may maintain its form. Conservatives cannot induce Labour to behave in such a way as to appear unacceptable as a governing party: they can simply make the most of the presents that Labour offers. Had Mr Tony Benn been elected deputy leader, that would have made the point for the Conservatives more effectively than anything they could say. But as it is, despite the promises that peace has broken out in the party, Labour seems likely to present a sufficiently inviting target.

It will not, however, be the only alternative to another term of Tory rule. Indeed, the Conservatives face the

paradox that the less acceptable Labour seems, the more support will flow to the Social Democrats and the more credible the alliance will appear. It was understandable, therefore, that the new chairman of the Conservative Party, Mr Cecil Parkinson, should have declared on Wednesday that it would be premature to write off the Labour Party: the Conservatives need it to be strong enough to act as a convincing bogey.

It will not be so easy to create a bogey out of the SDP. Essentially the Conservatives have a choice between portraying it as a second Labour Party, clad in more attractive clothes but still just as much of a threat, or as a ragbag of party without any clear focus or identity. Up to now most Conservatives have seemed to prefer the first course, but the trouble is that Mr Jenkins and his senior colleagues do not really look very threatening. It is also very difficult to represent them as stalking horses of Marxism when they broke away from Labour in protest against its leftward drift.

Mr Parkinson was more subtle. He attacked the SDP on two grounds: that they might draw off sufficient votes to let in a left-wing Labour government; and that they were not credible as politicians: "We will be attacking their 'magic circle' economics. It's all going to be done by mirrors or magic".

This is the line that I would expect to see developed between now and the election. If unemployment starts to fall, if other economic signals turn to green, if Labour continues to present a dispiriting face, the outcome is likely to depend upon how successful the Conservatives are in presenting the SDP as the fuzzy party — very nice, maybe, but not a serious proposition to run the country. That may seem a lot of ifs, but then there always are at every election.



into opening positions that look like (and sometimes are) complete reversals, causing doubt as to his resolve; and once it is engaged in talks, these negotiating positions turn into ends in themselves, regardless of content.

US rhetoric and strategy must be brought into balance. The need is for a programme that avoids the twin dangers of abandoning the peace issue to adversaries without turning negotiation into a form of self-blackmail. In the long run, America serves the cause of peace best by precision, strict insistence on reciprocity and a view of the world respectful of legitimate Soviet concerns.

A decade or so ago, when East-West trade, technology transfer and financial relations began to develop, many believed that economic ties could become an instrument — among others — for moderating Soviet conduct. In a crisis, it was thought, the fear of losing markets or access to raw materials, western technical innovations or bank credits would produce Soviet caution. But this assumption presupposed a western willingness to use its economic strength in the service of an overall strategy. That clearly has not happened.

On the contrary, so many western nations have let themselves become dependent on Soviet trade that a trade cut-off is more likely to turn into a Soviet weapon against the West. American farmers this year take satisfaction in the sale of 23 million

tons of food to the Soviet Union. But what will happen when all plantings and America's entire agricultural economy become permanently geared to this level of Soviet imports? Who then has the stronger negotiating position?

Similarly, western banks have been profligate in extending credit to Poland and other East block countries — and free of considerations of state policy in doing so. The result is that they will be exposed to there is any let-up in the breakneck pace of private lending to the East.

In 1976, the United States Government recommended to a ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development an urgent study to examine the implications and risks of East-West trade and credits — and the need for greater western coordination regarding them. The effort has since languished. As a result, there are no agreed political criteria today for the management of East-West trade.

The industrial nations compete fiercely to fulfill Lenin's dictum that the capitalists would in time fight over the privilege of selling the rope they would be hanged with. There is an urgent need to establish ground rules to guide East-West trade and finance. In setting up new National Security Council procedures in the White House, Judge Clark will want to review how America came to waste crucial weeks on essentially rhetorical exercises; determine which options were put forward primarily to stall for time, and above all expose the strategic assumptions that underlay the conflicting theories and proposals for presidential attention. He will want to make sure that, in the future, what reaches the Oval Office are the real choices.

But he must go beyond that. He must ensure that the administration's foreign policy philosophy is clarified. For better or worse, a serious foreign policy requires a comprehensive conceptual concept; without it, pronouncements are exercises in rhetoric, and actions are driven by short-term tactical considerations without coherence or sense of direction. The policy-making process must be organized by efficient procedures. But, more importantly it must be organized by a basic strategy.

Events have conspired in recent years to erode the foreign policy consensus in America and to create fault lines of opinion that cut across all strategic questions. The administration seems to me to be divided between a new isolationism and traditional Atlanticism; between those who regard as inevitable the apocalyptic showdown with the Soviet Union and those who think that managing the competition will remain a permanent feature of US foreign policy — with a gradual erosion of the Soviet system but no clear-cut terminal point; between those who regard trade, technology and finance as matters of private concern, subject only to pure market considerations, and those who see economic relationships, particularly with the communist world, as so centrally important to the future of both the West and the East as to be an inherent part of the United States' public policy.

The strains generated by the competition between these contending points of view within the administration have been all too evident in the weeks following the repression in Poland. They will tug at policy in the months to come as well, until the administration moves to resolve them and in the process designs a longer-term, fully rounded concept of US strategy, resources and broader objectives in the world.

Until these issues are settled, it will be impossible even for the wisest of leaders to make more than momentary sense from the range of options presented to him by his staff each day for decision.

If we master these issues and in the process design a coherent policy, the Polish crisis will in the end generate a lasting benefit. If we fail, we shall remember these months not only with shame but as a decisive turning point in western history.

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Asa Briggs at full steam

Had it not been for the steam engine, Karl Marx would never have got off the ground, and Mr Tony Benn would probably have remained a obscure and harmless aristocrat.

James Watt has a lot to answer for. His improvement of Newcomen's crude Cornish mine pumping engine into the machine that powered the Industrial Revolution created a social change unparalleled by any other technology, before or since, with the possible exception of the wheel. Steam, which triggers such a romantic response in an army of weekend enthusiasts, now enjoys the benefit of scrutiny by one of our foremost social historians, Asa Briggs.

With *The Power of Steam*, a lavishly illustrated cultural history of the first great technological revolution, Lord Briggs enters an area of publishing already at bursting pressure from enough remastered titles to fuel a Lancashire boiler. His purpose, however, is not to rehash the story of steam in the early age of Atlantic liners and the Great Western Railway, but to define the social and cultural phenomenon that took us from water wheels to Windscale.

"I am not a steam enthusiast; rather I try to understand why there is such a thing as steam enthusiasm," he told me. "I am just as interested in the steam en-



The great engineer George Stephenson in a wicker chair, picture of about 1880

gine as a metaphor as a machine." Steam engines did not in themselves create a working class, he believes; a labour force in the industrial sense was beginning to emerge under water power. What steam did — and here he is in broad agreement with Marx — was to fuse working-class consciousness.

The dynamic of private enterprise was already at work in England in the eighteenth century, but the introduction of steam as a source of factory power created a labouring class of hitherto unimaginable size. And it was the knowledge that they were working by

courtesy of steam engines that had much to do with binding them together and making them aware of themselves.

"Steam was the last technology that most people felt they could understand," Lord Briggs told me. "Far fewer people understood, or were fascinated by, electricity, and as for nuclear energy it is quite incomprehensible to most people, including many who work in it."

Although Lord Briggs is no train-spotter, he has vivid memories of a steam-clouded childhood in Keighley, Yorkshire, where he lived five minutes from the station and from the vast textile engineering works of Prince Smith, an enormous industrial enterprise built entirely on the power of steam.

Lord Briggs, now aged 60, himself generates as much energy as three steam turbines. Half an hour before his wedding in 1925, he said, from the ante-room in which the bridegroom was supposed to be adjusting his dress came the tap of a typewriter finishing a book review for the *New Statesman*.

He left Sussex University in 1926, after 10 years as the vice-chancellor, in which he helped to make the new fashionable universities in Britain. "People imagine that in those days we were only interested in a vague kind of

radicalism at Sussex. But I have always been very keen on technological education, and I am proud to have been responsible for establishing a school of applied sciences at Sussex.

His scope for innovation is rather less in the past he has held since 1976 — Provost of Worcester College, Oxford — although he is clearly pleased that the college now numbers two engineers among its fellows.

After the administrative burden of running a trendy university, the relative tranquillity of Worcester now gives him much time to write. He will shortly produce a one-volume version of his gargantuan, one million word, four-volume *History of Broadcasting*, which itself will in time spawn a fifth tome.

"I have become more interested in society in culture, than in society and economics. I am interested in the cultural expression of the society, and in getting at the variety of local experience. Historians should never take the unity of England for granted; they should explain why England is integrated." Such an approach is only to be expected from a high-pressure, triple-expansion, steam-driven Yorkshireman.

Alan Hamilton

The Power of Steam by Asa Briggs is published on Monday by Michael Joseph at £10.50.



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DR KISSINGER'S JOLT

Dr. Henry Kissinger, in articles in the *New York Times* and *The Times*, has been making hawkish noises about the Western response to Poland. They repay careful reading. Dr. Kissinger, despite the caricature of him which survives from the Nixon-Kissinger days, is not a conventional hawk and what he is advocating is not a reflex headline response to the Polish crisis. He and Richard Nixon invented détente with the Soviet Union and with China but they also invented linkage, the insistence that goodwill was not enough. They insisted that progress on trade would depend on progress on arms control, that the minutiae of diplomacy had to be timed to reciprocal concessions. Détente, in short, was not the appeasement that the extreme right wing in President Reagan's party says it was.

There is piquancy, therefore, in seeing Dr Kissinger hailed as a spokesman for the hawks. He certainly makes some very severe criticisms of the lack of direction in the Western response. It is hard to reconcile the assertion that the Soviet Union is to blame for Poland's plight with the continued presence of the United States in the Madrid Conference on the very Helsinki arrangements that are being violated in Poland. Mr Haig seems to have heard for his is cutting his meeting with Mr Gromyko from two days to one and seeking to confine the agenda to Poland. It is schizophrenic of the United States to keep feeding the Soviet Union with grain while urging the Europeans, for instance, not to go ahead with the proposed gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe.

There has indeed been an incoherence about the response from the West and a dissonance between American rhetoric and American actions. A defence can be made for the Western reactions. More importantly, Henry Kissinger's analysis

does not quite carry him to the conclusions his own rhetoric invites. The defence for the immediate nature of the Western response is that during the 18 months of the Polish crisis the Western nations prepared themselves for a number of possible developments but they concentrated on an out-right Soviet invasion. When, instead, the crisis took the form of a national Polish military Government, with the Communist Party pushed on one side, a certain prudence was not only inevitable but wise. It was not at all obvious from the beginning, and many people would argue that it remains unclear, whether General Jaruzelski was acting in what he thought to be the best interests of Poland, to prevent an invasion, or acting as a tool of the Soviet Union.

This uncertainty did not prevent the allies condemning martial law and all it entailed and nor should it. The real question is how far to make the Soviet Union itself suffer by sanctions and how to take economic action against Poland which does not make the General more of a Soviet prisoner than he is or inflict more suffering on the Polish people. The cessation of diplomatic intercourse, which Dr Kissinger advocates, will carry little risk and rather more conviction than what has occurred. He is surely right on this point. But he does not say how far he would go to cut off the Soviet Union itself by economic sanctions and he does not address himself to the very difficult question of how a graduated economic response from the West might be organized and administered.

It is questionable whether a total moratorium in East-West relations would have enforced a return to the days of reform in Poland. That at any rate appears to be the view of the Polish hierarchy to which the West should pay due heed in view of the church's well-founded claim to be the true representative of the Polish

nation. Furthermore, an all-out response would have left nothing in reserve in the event of direct Soviet aggression.

If a graduated response is right, however, it must be one which is universally agreed and convincingly applied by the allies. The aims are clear enough. They should include the release of the many thousands detained under martial law of whom one is the Solidarity leader, Lech Walesa; the resumption of the dialogue between the authorities, Solidarity and the church; and the new progress towards the kind of economic reforms which the General initially promised to implement and which alone can make Poland solvent. But the means to achieve these ends cannot be left to isolated bankers talking to each other when they consider re-scheduling the Polish debt. It is an extraordinary comment on Western planning that the aid to Poland was given by banks without any clear idea among Governments about what it was hoped to achieve and what the response would be if it were default.

Underlying these confusions is an uncertainty about the nature of the Soviet Union, its relations with its East European satellites, and the leadership of the Atlantic alliance. No tactics will serve unless they are based on clear views of these matters and of the consequences they impose for defence and diplomacy.

Dr Kissinger identifies divergences within the American administration, but they are evident in more muted form throughout Europe. There is a need for thought and for leadership. Chancellor Schmidt has been to Washington to talk to President Reagan. But the sooner the leaders meet together, with properly prepared analyses, and option papers, the better. Yesterday it was Afghanistan. Today it is Poland. The West must concert its unity. Improvisation and eloquence are not enough.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT FOR TEACHERS

New ideas cascade from the judicial benches these days. No sooner has the concept of contributory negligence in the criminal law been created and given the thumbs down than the concept of statistical fatalism for civil plaintiffs is launched in its stead. It seems that some judges and magistrates are taking to heart all too seriously the Home Secretary's concern about prison overcrowding. The remarks of a magistrate on the case of the Newington Green teacher allegedly assaulted by a parent in her classroom embody a novel principle of forensic reasoning which offers wide scope for development.

The problem of assaults in school has changed since the days of Mr Creakle and Mr Squeers. For teachers in the past, it was more a matter of handing it out than learning to take it, though in Mr Squeers's case the boot was not wholly on the one foot ("MET-A-FUR, a metaphor, Smike, and when you've learnt to spell it you can take it away and polish it"). Without commenting on the facts of the present case, it is true that teachers in state schools today are in general less likely to assault than they are to be assaulted. It is a real

occupational hazard, as the teachers' unions often point out.

The magistrate this week was fortunate enough to have the statistics at his fingertips. The incidence of assaults on teachers in primary schools between Clissold Park and the Balls Pond Road is, it appears, three per teacher per decade. He is reported to have added that the victim should get used to the prospect, and that it was a waste of public money to bring a case to court in such circumstances. The teacher herself may or may not have known the figures quite so precisely. But given that the broad dangers were well-known, anybody who incurred them could be said to be guilty of a sort of contributory negligence. A bench (this bench, at least) might be disposed to take a particularly serious view of this in the case of a teacher, who, as a responsible person in a position of trust, owed a duty of care.

The principle can be extended. In the past, the courts have only had to consider whether an alleged crime or tort took place or not; henceforth they should also ask themselves whether, if it did, it was above or below the statistical average for events

of that kind. If a teacher has not reached her quota, then *de minimis non curat lex*. Once she passes her quota, a case might be worth bringing, though obviously it would then be open to the assailant to plead that he or she was still below his or her personal quota. Activity in the courts would tend to bunch towards the end of the year as quotas became exhausted. Some system of rollover of entitlements from one year to the next, might help to reduce this effect.

The public insistently demands action on crime rates, and the advantage of the Islington principle is that it addresses itself to crime rates rather than individual crimes. But the tyranny of the average should not be allowed to go too far. According to the headmaster of the school in question, it had been free of assaults for ten years, prior to the alleged incident of last December. It is a glaring statistical anomaly. But it would be well to warn the Islington bench that this persistent failure to meet quotas does not in itself warrant any corrective action, either by way of rewards to individuals seeking to bring the school in line, or fines on their victims.

Day of the Vow

From the Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa
Sir, The article by Michael Hornsby (December 16), on the South African Day of the Vow concerning the significance of that day caused South Africans who read it deep distress.

It is historical fact that the Voortrekkers (pioneers) who trekked inland in search of freedom strove to reach agreement and to live in harmony with the black nations into whose territory they moved. In fact, it was while negotiating land rights with the Zulu King Dingaan that the Trekker leader Retief and his party of 70 plus 30 Coloured outriders were overwhelmed and murdered. Subsequently the Zulu impi set upon the scattered and vulnerable laagers (encampments) and killed nearly 300 as well as more than 200 Coloured servants, including many women and children.

Only then did the Voortrekkers send a party of some 470 under Commandant-General Pretorius, reinforced by British settlers and their Bantu followers, against Dingaan, whose Zulu force of 12,500 attacked the Voortrekker laager at the Battle of Blood River, but were beaten off with heavy losses.

The Voortrekkers, including the British and their followers, certainly solemnly vowed to God before the battle that: If He with His protection will be with us and deliver our enemies into our hands, we shall ever after keep this day and date as a day of thanksgiving

and a Sabbath. We shall raise a temple, where I shall please Him, unto His glory, and I will give our children to share with us therein; also their children and their children's children. For the honour of His name will thereby be glorified that the renown and honour of victory shall be given unto Him.

It is not unusual to pray on such occasions. Lord Nelson did so before the Battle of Trafalgar, as did the British before the Battle of Ulundi in 1819 which turned the tide against the Zulus, leading to the subsequent destruction of the Zulu nation. It is inconceivable that anyone should denigrate Lord Nelson's noble prayer or describe the British victory at Trafalgar as a senseless massacre of the French.

Just over two years ago, the South African Prime Minister, the Hon P. W. Botha, said that the Day of the Vow was not a symbol of Afrikaner superiority or a triumph of White over Black but the willingness of the Afrikaner to kneel before God. And a year later Mr Botha said the Battle of Blood River had not been an organised racial incident as the Afrikaner and Zulu nations had been able to make peace afterwards.

If the South African Government's policy of striving for a strong, self-sufficient country in which all its peoples can share in its dynamic development and the bounty this provides is indicative of the mental frontier resulting from the laager's protective circle, then so be it.

Yours etc.,
MARALIS STEYN,
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January 14.

Ulster teacher training

From Mr Anthony Bailey
Sir, Canon Walsh, of St. Malachy's College, Belfast, demands (January 19) that the two main recommendations of the Chilver review body on teacher education in Northern Ireland be set aside because they will undermine the rights of Catholic schools in Ulster to have teachers fully trained in Catholic teacher-training colleges.

A number of Catholics and Protestants I have met while visiting Northern Ireland are certain that one of the chief factors perpetuating conflict there is that Ulster people are trained as little Catholics and little Protestants, proud to be on one side, looking down on the other, when what they mostly are, of course, are men and women, born on the island of Ireland, British subjects, sharing many of the same desires, needs, and conditions of life.

Surely what Northern Ireland requires is less so-called religious education, more teaching that will create a non-sectarian society. And if there is to be peace in Ulster in the years to come, government review bodies must work for schools and teachers that actively promote such an end.

Yours sincerely,
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January 19.

A new way forward with home buying

From the Director of the Low Pay Unit

Sir, Few would disagree with your call (leading article, January 19) for more help to first-time home buyers. However, that objective may be sadly frustrated if your demand for further tax concessions to owner-occupied housing were to be met.

Over the years such concessions have grown, "like Topsy" and are now substantial. Stamp duty relief, which you would like to see raised, is indeed the smallest, costing only £250m in 1980-81. But mortgage interest relief cost almost £2,000m in that year — a doubling in the revenue forgone in one year alone. This is in addition to the exemption of owner-occupied housing from the old Schedule A tax on its rental value.

Some estimates suggest this exemption now costs, in revenue forgone, about the same as mortgage relief itself. Capital gains tax exemption is more expensive, representing an estimated revenue loss of £2,400m in 1980-81.

This complex structure — some might describe it as a "shantytown" — of tax reliefs for owner-occupiers is positively harmful to those trying to become homeowners for the first time. Since the supply of housing is somewhat inflexible, especially in a recession when the construction industry suffers badly, the provision of tax subsidies serves merely to push up house prices.

The only people to gain are those who owned a house before the concessions were introduced or increased — and first-time buyers are not amongst them. While encouraging under-occupation, as people clamour up the housing ladder to take advantage of the tax reliefs, the bottom rung of that ladder is lifted further out of reach of those at the bottom.

It is not only first-time buyers who lose by the present system: the regressive effects of tax-

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subsidies are well documented; they also push up marginal tax rates (even for that half of the household population who do not own their homes) creating economic disincentives; and they generate distortions in investment as funds are poured into this part of the housing sector where the tax subsidies are most generous.

This is not to argue that the state should not subsidise owner-occupation, but what is needed is a fair share of public spending cut. Yet tax concessions are precisely the same effect on the Government's borrowing requirement as direct cash subsidies. Compared with reforms of this type, further relief from stamp duty or mortgage interest reliefs to consider such concessions at this time is itself surprising. Public-sector housing subsidies have taken more than their fair share of public spending cuts. Yet tax concessions have precisely the same effect on the Government's borrowing requirement as direct cash subsidies.

If there is to be an increase in public spending, there must surely be a better way to use it than in further concessions on stamp duty.

Yours faithfully,
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January 19.

Quitting the Tories

From Dr R. M. Marquis

Sir, How sad to read in *The Times* (January 21) the gravity of John Grigg's linkage to the last day of the Conservative Party. Eden's calculated deception of his nation and the world at the time of Suez with the honourable determination of Margaret Thatcher to help her nation earn its standing as a great world power of world reversion.

Yours,
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January 21.

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)
Sir, I doubt whether John Grigg's muddled article on the Tory party leaving the Tory party for the SDP will encourage many other Tories to do the same.

He objects to the strong views expressed on law and order at the last Conservative Party conference. He speaks of giving new life to our institutions without specifying what this means. Perhaps he is referring to proportional representation? He appears to prefer SDP defence policies to the unilateralism of the Liberal Party, but which policy will be adopted by the Alliance?

Mr Grigg does not say what his personal reasons are for joining the SDP, but unless they are stronger than the lightweight reasons he has given in his article for leaving the Tory Party they will not, I believe, carry much conviction.

Mozart in person

From Mr A. Rosenthal

Sir, Mr Alec Hyatt King (January 15) rightly states that there is no evidence of Mozart employing, obscurely in today's *Times* (January 20), contains an allegation that a named official failed to tender proper advice to ministers on an important matter of policy.

In fairness to the individual, and indeed to me and my ministerial colleagues who will otherwise be judged to have made the criticism to your reporters, there would be absolutely no foundation for the allegation.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HESELTINE,
Department of the Environment,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
January 20.

Beating time

From Mr Alexander Schouvaloff

Sir, Your fascinating list of anniversaries (January 11) included that of Igor Stravinsky on June 17. He was actually born on June 5, 1882, Russian style. From 1901 the difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars increased by one day every century. Stravinsky used to say that eventually he would be considered to have been born after his grandchildren.

Yours faithfully,
ALEXANDER SCHOUVALOFF,
39 Ladbroke Grove, SE15.
January 12.

Guildford candidature

From Mr Charles St George

Sir, According to your report of January 14 I am apparently "sick as a parrot" at the prospect of standing down in favour of the SDP in Guildford, following the agreement reached between Liberal and SDP negotiators on the distribution of parliamentary seats in Surrey. This is not an accurate description of my feelings.

Naturally I am very disappointed at being asked to stand down, not only for myself but for the 1,000 or so Liberal members in Guildford who have given me every support and encouragement over the past two years. If it is their wish, expressed in general meeting, that I should stand down in the long-term interests of the Alliance then I will do so gladly.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES ST. GEORGE,
Guildford District Liberal Association,
Flat 1,
12 Millmead Terrace,
Guildford, Surrey.

In office

From Lady Lorna Howard

Sir, It appeals me to read in the newspapers the constant iteration of the opposition parties, especially the Society of Disappointed Politicians (I beg their pardon) the SDP — of what they each intend doing when in power.

My father, the late Stanley Baldwin always said: "A government is not in power; it is in office, but there by the will of the people".

Power is a corrupting thought.

Yours sincerely,
LORNA STANLEY HOWARD,
8 Sandwich Street, WC1.
January 18.

Official advice

From the Secretary of State for the Environment

Sir, The feature article on my department in today's *Times* (January 20) contains an allegation that a named official failed to tender proper advice to ministers on an important matter of policy.

In fairness to the individual, and indeed to me and my ministerial colleagues who will otherwise be judged to have made the criticism to your reporters, there would be absolutely no foundation for the allegation.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HESELTINE,
Department of the Environment,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
January 20.

Roman view of Anglican orders

From the Bishop of Aberdeen

Sir, If a Catholic bishop from beyond the confines of England may comment upon a matter which is wider than the English scene, may I point out an error in your editorial (January 18) in regard to *Apostolicus Curiae* and the judgment that Anglican orders were null and void. Anglican orders were null and void in the Bull.

The judgment at that time was not concerned with the rite or ordinal then in use in the ordaining of bishops (and priests) within the Anglican Communion. By then it was largely accepted that the ordinal was capable of fulfilling the intention of the (Catholic) Church when ordaining bishops. It was the defect of form in the Edwardine ordinal that was considered, and not just in itself but as expressing the mind of the reformers in respect of sacramental theology. The mind of the argument was expressed like this in the Bull:

But if, on the contrary, the rite is changed with the manifest purpose of introducing another rite which is not accepted by the Church, and of Apostolic Curiae but the Anglican does and by Christ's institution belongs to the nature of the sacrament, then it is evident, not only that the intention necessary for a sacrament is lacking, but even that an intention is present which is adverse to and incompatible with the sacrament.

It is not the rite that is "null and void" but Catholic orders in England. If anything should be an embarrassment to Catholics, Roman and Anglican, it is not *Apostolicus Curiae* but the Edwardine ordinal, which manifestly set out, and achieved, the dismemberment of the Church in England from the Ecclesia Catholica.

Personally I would feel no need to hurry or circumvent *Apostolicus Curiae*. At the time when the Curiae was focused on the legitimacy and validity of orders as stemming from and assuring apostolic succession it clarified the issues, and made a judgment wholly relevant in the context. In narrow field of sacramental theology it will be relevant and useful for study.

We now see the heart of the matter differently, perhaps because our ecclesiology is more profound. We are concerned with ecclesial communion, rather than sacramental communion, (which is basically why we want to shift the argument even today from the question of sacramental intercommunion). The validity and legitimacy of orders has more to do with ecclesial communion than with the question

whether or not the sacrament of the Mass is effected.

In the Catholic tradition the question of the papacy is not peripheral to the question, and it is surely a measure of Anglican catholicity that it is seen to be central and crucial in England today, and a cause for hope among Christians everywhere.

Yours sincerely,
MARIO CONTI,
Bishop of Aberdeen,
155 King's Gate, Aberdeen.
January 19.

From Father Deryck Henshall, SJ

Sir, It is appropriate that one so ecumenically minded as the Bishop of Norwich should have replied in your columns (January 16) to Bishop Clark, and that he should have insisted that "fundamental Christian issues are at stake", and not just courtesy between Christians, important though this is and not only on the occasion of a papal visit.

That the Pope, however, is "the essential human channel by which Divine grace flows to all Christians" is not a doctrine of the Catholic and Roman Church. The Pope's office is *Ministerial*. He has somewhat the same relationship to the universal Church as the bishop has to his diocese. But Dr Wood is quite right in saying that "neither an earthly Pope nor the Virgin Mary herself can stand between Christ and His Church". No Roman Catholic would disagree.

There is still obviously much that we need to learn (and unlearn) about one another's beliefs; and this is the main reason why there can be no immediate prospect of union between Rome and the reformed churches of the West. This does not mean however that those churches should not proceed along the path of covenanting, even though it be upon principles unacceptable — for the present at any rate — to the magisterium of the Roman Church. The fact that the local hierarchy of that church has felt obliged to stress. Nevertheless the Church of England is not to be identified with the extreme Anglo-Catholic party or with its view of apostolic succession.

The whole question of the ministry of orders, which looms increasingly, and in this context *Apostolicus Curiae* can hardly be overlooked. Nor should it be.

Yours faithfully,
DERYCK HENSHELL,
St Ignatius,
27 High Road, N15.
January 20.

Mixed fortunes

From Mr Brian Sewell

Sir, Professor Michael Kitson (January 20) has misinterpreted my "bizarre simile" likening the La Tour to blue marmalade: in the article in which it appeared I described Christopher Wright's reasons for rejecting "The Fortune Teller" as "inadequate", and his eye for stylistic analysis as "unreliable".

I may nevertheless have seemed his ally in my note in *The Burlington Magazine* last year points out that the technical evidence produced by John Brealey was based on the research of scientists who warned that "At the present time we consider only the data on American and Dutch works to be reasonably adequate." Mr Brealey omitted that warning, and Georges de la Tour came from Lorraine.

On stylistic grounds most art historians have agreed that the La Tour in Lvov must be his earliest known painting, hazy and dated c1615 for it. With recent cleaning the date 1634 has been revealed — knocking twenty years out of the chronology and condensing it alarmingly. In some ways this may make the stylistic discrepancies of "The Fortune Teller" easier to accept, in that La Tour in July 1634 made an application for citizenship of Lorraine, was granted it, and then seems to have been absent

A diary in question

From Count Nikolai Tolstoy

Sir, The Editorial Director of Penguin Books, referring (January 15) to the fake *Diary of a Farmer's Wife*, 1796-1797, speaks of the "uncertainty about the origins of the material" that forms the basis of the book and asserts that "Penguin Books certainly do not wish to be seen to make any false claims for books that we publish".

Perhaps he will inform us whether there is any uncertainty about the fact that a relative of Mrs Preston (who forged the "Diary" in or shortly before 1937) successfully claimed a copyright fee for the book on the grounds that it was Mrs Preston's sole creation?

Much more serious, as Mr Tearnle points out in his letter to you (January 15) is the silence of the BBC on the matter, and the failure to publish letters pointing out the deception in *Radio Times*.

Yours faithfully,
NIKOLAI TOLSTOY,
Court Close,
Southmoor,
Abingdon,
Berkshire.
January 17.

From Mr James Evison

Sir, So, "Penguin Books certainly do not wish to be seen to make any false claims..." and have been "already shamed..." into admitting (the diary) is not authentic.

Yet the diary is classified on its back cover as "autobiography", which is why I began to browse through it. Michael Croucher in his foreword ends by describing it as "the true voice of the past... the authentic voice of the farmer's wife... a record of

stand..." (my italics), which is why I bought it.

There are too many books published which should never have been published. From the myriads of Penguin Books I have acquired of Penguin Books if literature is covered by the Trade Description Act, I honestly feel duped, especially as £2.75 is a little exorbitant for its pages of drivel.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES EVISON,
27 Church Hill,
Royaume,
South Yorkshire.

Desert reading

From Mr H. G. Conway

Sir, Or he might have tried Loiseux's book, *a Cent d'Heure d'Arabs*, in *Sahara*, a 1929 account of crossing by much the same route but alone and in a small Bugatti!

Yours truly,
H. G. CONWAY,
33 Sussex Square,
Ely Park, W2.
January 20.

Omphalos?

From Mr M. R. Williams

Sir, I notice in today's "University News" (January 19) that Mr L. J. Kydell, of University College London, has had conferred upon him the title of "Professor of Naval Architecture".

I have heard of genetic engineering, but surely this is taking things a little too far! I remain, yours faithfully,
M. R. WILLIAMS,
Mountain Cottage,
Sevenoaks Weald,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
January 19.

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Good news for the Treasury

A couple of years ago, I had the pleasure of flying out of a cold English winter to the baking sands of Egypt, courtesy of HTV, to watch the film *The Curse of King Tutankhamun's Tomb*. The budget of £2,500,000 was rather high, one might have thought, for a regional company — plus, of course, the cost of transporting and putting up a crew of 60 technicians and cast, at one of the world's great hotels, The Old Winter Palace at Luxor.

Students of the television scene will not be surprised to hear that the secret of King Tut was co-production. Prominent among the several producers buzzing around the Valley of the Kings was one Hunt Stromberg Jr. He explained the economics thus:

"The top price that NBC will pay for a Movie of the Week is one point seven million dollars. I picked up a book in a dentist's waiting room about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Bingo, I thought, and sold the title to NBC, but I needed another three point three to make it. Then I heard HTV was looking for international expansion. I flew to Bristol and they agreed to put up one point five and facilities. NBC gets two runs. HTV can run the movie as often as they like in the United Kingdom and get a share in the American network prime-time, no small feat.

Last year, HTV decided to follow up that commercial success with another co-production, this time with CBS. *Goliath Awaits*, about an underwater colony of survivors from a sunken ship who are found living in Atlantis-like surroundings, seemed a loony enough story to grab equally large American ratings. The project was all set to go on a \$5m budget with HTV providing slightly less than half, on the assumption that the usual Levy.

An ITV contractor is obliged by law to pay up to 66.7 per cent of its profits as a levy to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Before the rules were changed, the IBA, which administers the levy, permits the deduction of programme costs. Now, as the contractors are licensed solely to provide programmes for their region and the rest of the British network, costs for programmes intended for sale abroad fall into a grey area.

With an awareness of the needs for British exports and the parlous state of our film industry, the IBA has traditionally interpreted the rules liberally. And in the case of *Tutankhamun*, they took the curse off the production by permitting HTV to charge all filming costs on its annual programme budget, before the



Tutankhamun: the mask of the monarch

offset would automatically apply. Suddenly, on hearing no more than the title and the broad plans, the IBA pulled the plug. There would be no excusing of Levy.

Amid noisy protest from Patrick Dromgoole, HTV's Director of Programmes, who had masterminded the deal, the Authority ruled that as the production was clearly meant as much for overseas sale as it was for "relevant expenditure" in terms of the rules of the levy. Whatever the rights or wrongs of the decision, the British Treasury was the gainer of hundreds of thousands of pounds.

The IBA let it be known that Dromgoole had presided too much, and that he should have applied in writing well in advance. HTV's tight-lipped answer was that trans-Atlantic (in this case, literally mid-Atlantic) projects require faster action than bureaucracy under-

stands. *Goliath Awaits* has now been completed with money and assistance from elsewhere, without any of HTV's or the taxpayers' cash, and Lord Hareich, who provided the HTV, is left bemoaning in his chairman's annual report: "The end result is a loss of a major production for a world market. HTV has helped to develop."

The whole British television industry outside the BBC — which receives no financial encouragement for its co-production deals — is in a state of ultimate profit, when there is any — has been shaken by the *Goliath Awaits* decision. Will it mean the end of ITV co-productions? Is the IBA subtly applying a quality control? Will this be a death blow to the so-called dying British film industry?

As the *Goliath* and *David* of ITV await the answers, it is worth remembering that while extra money does not guarantee quality (vide the recent BBC disasters, *Fanny by Gaslight* and *The Borgia*), the strict application of the IBA rules would condemn ITV to penny-pinching parochialism. Unfortunately, such diversionary investments as *Trident* into the Playboy Club are better bets than film-making for ITV companies. This is deeply to be regretted. The industry needs some practical encouragement to set up major productions. Let us hope that the IBA remembers that when the next applications are made.



Yvonne Bryceland

who appears in 'Summer', Edward Bond's new play at the Cottesloe on Wednesday

Edward Bond's new play *Summer*, which opens under his own direction on the National's Cottesloe stage next Wednesday, concerns an encounter between two women (Yvonne Bryceland and Anna Massey) whose pasts are inextricably bound up with the German wartime occupation of their eastern European town. It is a play about the past in the present, about the difference between kindness and justice, about a mistress and a servant, it is also a play which reaffirms a remarkable partnership between Bond and Bryceland, one which is at the heart of her decision to stay in this country and with the National Theatre.

Yvonne Bryceland is South African. Born in Cape Town almost 50 years ago, she is the youngest of the five children of a railway foreman, she married her first husband at 16 and had the first of her three daughters at 17; her career as an actress was thus somewhat late in starting, and in fact nearly did not start at all.

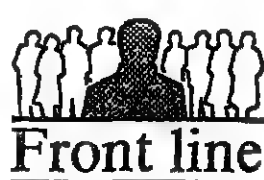
"All my life I'd wanted to act, more than anything," she said, "but soon after my daughters were born their father and I were divorced, and in those days you certainly could not bring up three girls on the money he made in South Africa as an actress. So I went to work in the press-cuttings library brought to London; and in a newspaper in Cape Town where my brother was a

journalist. Gradually they found out about my interest in the theatre, and I ended up writing the drama column for two years.

"Then the National Theatre of South Africa went through a casting crisis, mainly because the country was so large that its tours used to last anything up to two years and actors would go mad and take to the bottle. So they broke the whole thing into four separate sections and the Cape Town section asked me to join them and play the Margaret Rutherford role of the Grand Duchess in *Ring Around The Moon*.

"For a while I was all set to make my fortune as a leading lady in bad productions of minor English plays, which is what the Cape Town theatre was then full of; but then, on production of *Detachable Story*, the stage manager happened to be Athol Fugard and that led to the most important relationship of my life. Fugard taught me about the theatre, but more importantly he taught me about South Africa."

Fugard, like Bond, tends to direct his own work whenever possible. For him, Yvonne Bryceland played in *Boesmans and Lena*, State-theatre production of the money he made in South Africa as an actress. So I went to work in the press-cuttings library brought to London; and in a newspaper in Cape Town where my brother was a



Front line

founded and ran the Space Theatre in Cape Town.

She said: "That was fundamentally Athol's theatre, though we did a lot of other work there; many English playwrights including Bond refused to allow their scripts to be performed in South Africa, but the political pressures we were under never seemed as bad as our money problems. We were living on the breadline because we were determined to manage without any kind of state aid in order to get around state laws which in those days would have meant no mixed audiences, no new plays and nothing overtly political."

"We managed for a long time to play new political plays to mixed audiences, but the struggle was exhausting and when four years ago I was doing *Helo and Goodbye* at Riverside and Edward saw me there and asked me to go to the National to be in *The Women*, I thought: well, an offer like that may never happen again."

"Suddenly there didn't seem so very much to go home to Cape Town for. Two of my daughters are married

and living over here and my husband was keen to hand over the theatre to a younger man and get back to his photo-journalism, so we decided to settle here and see what happened."

What happened, for Miss Bryceland, has been four straight years at the National where she is currently playing not only the new Bond but also in *Mayor of Zalamea* and the solo *One-woman Plays*. In a theatre where actors tend to come and go rather more rapidly than at the RSC, she is already one of the longest-serving regulars.

"I've been happy in everything I've done here; I even enjoyed *The Romans* in Britain though there I seem to be in a minority. But after Cape Town the sheer wealth of experience, and the range of plays that an actress gets to work in, are dazzling."

"With Athol turning more and more towards films, the theatre in South Africa is a lot less attractive; the main battle has perhaps been won in open to all races, and I would like to think that had a lot to do with our work at the Space Theatre."

"Admittedly I've been lucky in that since we moved to Hampstead in 1978 I've been solidly employed at the National so I've never actually had to look for work in England. Indeed I've had to turn a lot down, because I have never been in fewer

Radio/David Wade

A question of extremes

It often strikes me how many of the fictitious figures of whom we speak as the greatest are in fact, if not certifiable lunatics, then people living at extremes. In the *Iliad* Achilles seems more admirable than Odysseus, although it is the latter who survives and reaches home. Perhaps Homer intended that we should notice this and reflect that if except when overcome by pique (self-expressed as an aggressive act), a man cannot help but fight, then sooner or later he will get his comeuppance. As the saying goes, "If you can't lie down, you'll stand up once too often."

In spite of that, our sympathies remain with the underdog and so a play, like Barry Collins's monologue *The Ice Chimney* (Radio 3, Jan 17) starts with the advantage that, at least as drawn here, its central figure, Maurice Wilson, is the sort of chap we ought to pay attention to. He is a late, Real-life winner of an MC in World War One, survivor of a wound the doctors said would kill him, not to mention a bout of TB, it seems likely that Wilson was a man in the Achilles mould: certainly that was the implication of Christopher Etridge's unflinching performance.

In 1934 Wilson made an ill-equipped solo assault on Everest. He encountered him at 23,000 feet, his few Sherpas now left behind, at the bottom of an ice chimney which he cannot climb, partly because of foul weather, but mostly because he has never learned how. The whole enterprise, we gather, has been undertaken as a test of his faith in God: if that faith is strong enough, if God

exists, then He will get him up whether he has the technique for it or not. While that may be up to a point, symbolise a proper relationship of man to God, it ignores the advice handed out by the prophet Mohammed: Trust in God, but do your camel first."

Perhaps, mastering the necessary techniques can be seen as "camel-tying", but the difficulty we face here is that "trusting in God" in the way that Collins has his Wilson do it, is so much more interesting to us as an encouragement to heroic postures as well as a good deal of cathartic God-cursing when the Ancient of Days maintains his traditional silence. Yet all this, high-sounding as it is, actually diverts our attention from the fact that Wilson, like Achilles, dies wretchedly and never reaches home.

Alec Reid, the director, obtained the most authentic courtroom atmosphere by paying particular attention to the delivery of the dialogue and, above all, to the constant hum of talk: this was never actor's rubarb, but a carefully worked out

and balanced bass line of comment. If in this respect the background was useful and informative, it was in other ways almost nonexistent. I found I badly wanted to know more about the context in which the trial was taking place.

Brian Sibley marked A. A. Milne's centenary with *Not That It Matters* (Radio 4 Jan 19) in which he used extracts from Milne's own reminiscences to convey the lightly ironic, self-deprecating style of a man who found his major talent almost accidentally in the casual amusement of writing for his son. Before that, as the programme showed, there was some success but little substance. And after it too. Fortunately, as Milne observed, "it is easier to make a reputation than to lose one." Yes, provided it's well made.

But was it a play? Not really. More like an illustrated life and works in which actors were placed among two and three-dimensional figures of our clever allusions to, the masterly compositions of the protagonist himself. Three waiters stood like the *garçons de café* in Volume Two of *The Yellow Room* waiting at the back of the room Beardsley and Arthur Symonds arrived for a conference on the first number of *The Savoy*; the balding, balding above yellow Beardsley's head (Yellow Room III) was placed on a living room carpet, and the boy's spotted turban was worn by the artist already beginning to die from TB. Designed by Geoff Hall almost entirely in black and white, the *Yellow Room* looked stunning, but Mr Hall's homage placed a corset round the action from which even a real play, had there been one, could scarcely have escaped.

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Television/Michael Ratcliffe

Aubrey's life

Fortunate and rare the filmmaker who gets two cracks at the same subject in one week: only three nights after his dramatic documentary on Aubrey Beardsley, in which he removed the sentimentalising varnish of Carnaby Street to reveal the fierce genius underneath, John Selwyn Gilbert gave us *Aubrey* (BBC2). This was described as "a biographical play for the film industry." It was playing the artist and Rula Lenska as Mable, Beardsley's adoring actress-sister and near Volsung-twin.

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Bridge/Jeremy Flint

Trumping your winners

The "grand coup" derives its imposing title from the days of whist rather than any inherent technical difficulty. Although there are 13 tricks, no trumps, South has stumbled into Seven Spades with these cards:

♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♥ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♦ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A K Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

Provided that the spades divide 3/2, there is no problem. If West has ♠ Jxxx there is no hope. It is only when East has the guarded ♠ J that the play is interesting. Declarer wins the first trick in his hand with the ♠ A. He crosses to dummy's ♠ A and returns a spade to his ♠ Q. With no more spades in dummy, declarer cannot capture East's ♠ J by a straightforward finesse. He can still recover if he can arrange to be in dummy at trick 11. Then when he plays a plain card, East's apparent trump trick is swallowed by declarer's major tenace.

To achieve this ending, declarer must reduce his trumps to the same number as East's. He plays three rounds of hearts, ruffing the ♠ Q. He follows with three

rounds of diamonds, again ruffing dummy's winning ♠ Q. He returns to dummy with the ♠ Q. When East follows with the ♠ K declarer is home. The only difference between a "grand coup" and a "trump coup" is that declarer ruffs winners to reduce his trumps.

Hands which involve a trump reduction often afford opportunities for skilful play by both sides.

Rubber bridge. North-South game. Dealer East.

Opening lead ♠ A.

(1) A dubious gambit, even at this vulnerability.
(2) Too strong for three clubs, a call which has the additional defect of "losing" the spade suit. The spectre of the final contract becoming one Heart doubled is a rare apparition among good players.
(3) Having opened with sub-minimum values, it is South's duty to warn his partner that

he should not expect too much defensive strength.
(4) Tempting, but imprudent. If North-South have a fit in a minor, it is better to play that than to become apparent. The preempt gives the opponents an additional option.
(5) This is wrong! I suspect that South trusted West's bidding more than his partner's judgment.

The bidding may have been imperfect but the play was excellent. West led the ♠ A and continued with the ♠ 4. Reasoning that West must have four spades to justify his bidding, South bravely finessed dummy's ♠ 9. He next played dummy's ♠ K and overruled East's ♠ 2 with the ♠ 5.

When South played the ♠ 6, West faced a critical decision. Appreciating that South needed entries to dummy to reduce his trumps, West took the ♠ A and persisted with the ♠ 10. If he had played low on the first diamond, he would have been put on lead with the ♠ A two tricks later, with nothing but black cards to play. When South continued with dummy's ♠ Q, it was East's turn to come under pressure. Foreseeing the end, he discarded a diamond, preserving his ♠ KQ94.

Although declarer's diamonds were established, he lacked one vital entry to pick up East's trumps.

The next hand was played in the festive spirit of Christmas week. South was an excellent player who has earned the soubriquet of

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Tomorrow	GABRIEL STRYDOM	Violins	Beethoven
7.30 p.m.	BRUK ARTHUR	Violins	Beethoven
8.30 p.m.	JOHN JENNINGS	Conductors	Works by Gershwin, Beethoven, etc.
Monday	JULIAN BREAN	Violins	Beethoven
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Tuesday	HEATH WIND	Violins	Beethoven
7.30 p.m.	MICHAEL FINNISBY	Violins	Beethoven
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Wednesday	GERARD SOUZAY	Violins	Beethoven
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8.30 p.m.	JOHN JENNINGS	Conductors	Works by Gershwin, Beethoven, etc.
Thursday	THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC	Violins	Beethoven
7.30 p.m.	BRUK ARTHUR	Violins	Beethoven
8.30 p.m.	JOHN JENNINGS	Conductors	Works by Gershwin, Beethoven, etc.
Friday	GERARD SOUZAY	Violins	Beethoven
7.30 p.m.	BRUK ARTHUR	Violins	Beethoven
8.30 p.m.	JOHN JENNINGS	Conductors	Works by Gershwin, Beethoven, etc.
Saturday	HEATH WIND	Violins	Beethoven
7.30 p.m.	MICHAEL FINNISBY	Violins	Beethoven
8.30 p.m.	JOHN JENNINGS	Conductors	Works by Gershwin, Beethoven, etc.
Sunday	GERARD SOUZAY	Violins	Beethoven
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8.30 p.m.	JOHN JENNINGS	Conductors	Works by Gershwin, Beethoven, etc.

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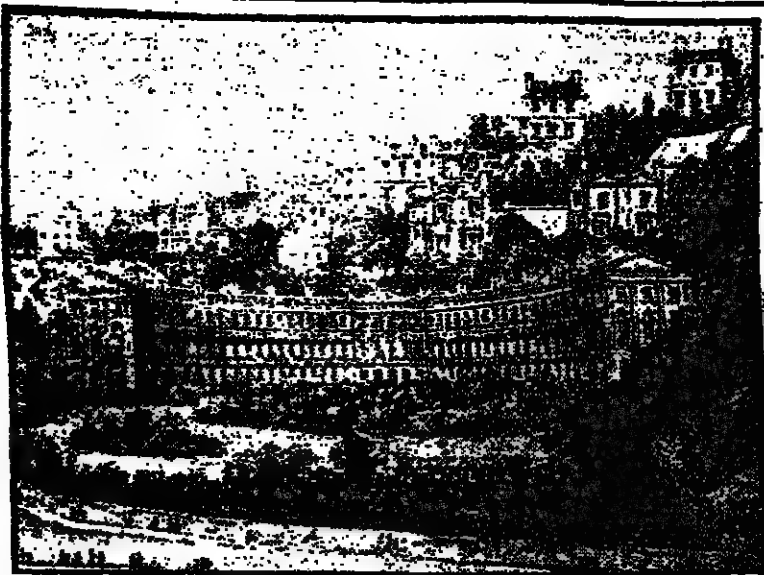
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Hesketh Crescent, Torquay, from a nineteenth century engraving. Today, the Osborne Hotel is in the centre of the terrace.

More chance to be impure

I am not a healthaholic. The idea of a week's supervised starvation on £250 worth of lemon juice has always seemed to me to be one of the more ludicrous ways of trying to dispose of the body bountiful. I don't want to be pure inside — I want to be thin outside, which in theory will give me the chance of being rather more impure all round.

So when I was told I could spend two days eating lots of delicious food without putting on an ounce and with even the chance of losing a couple of pounds, I couldn't resist playing leapfrog for a weekend.

Don't be alarmed — this is not the latest cult exercise from America and you don't actually have to jump over anything. The Leapfrogs is the name of an all-in health and beauty weekend package planned to snap you out of your winter torpor. And it all takes place in the comfort of an elegant hotel — the Osborne in Torquay.

The programme starts at 6 pm on Friday with a tour round Gary Richards's basement health club where you will be shedding flab in all directions. Then there is a misery-inducing weigh-in, presumably designed to make you pathetically grateful at the idea of ever eating again.

You need not worry. Dinner upstairs in Chives restaurant, attached to the hotel, is low-ish in calories, but very filling — lots of Norwegian prawns with lemon juice instead of mayonnaise, a choice of poached sole with yogurt, chicken with peppers, grilled steak or seafood platter, and then pear with white wine or a similar pud, or low calorie cheeses. Non-dieters can choose from the standard restaurant menu, with the possibility of a supplementary charge if they are very extravagant.

On Saturday, men use the gym first while women have a dance and movement session before a salad lunch. The afternoon is free for tennis, snooker, table tennis — or a walk to the nearby Kent's Cavern, one of the most ancient habitations in Britain — used by cavemen 100,000 years ago.

Women have their turn in the gym in the afternoon. You will be taken through a programme of exercise by a slyph in a shiny, kidfisher, home cooking can make her look like a perfectly contoured water sprite. You will hate her. However, unlike mother, she really does know what is

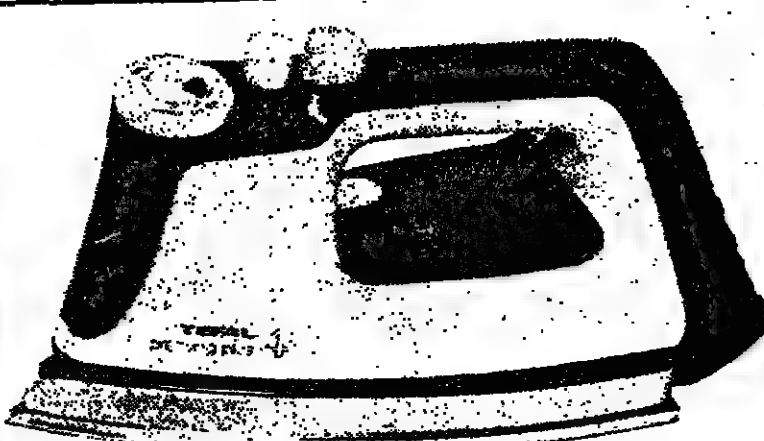
best for you and will decide what exercise will help to correct individual problems, so you will just have to swallow your jealousy and get on with it. After exercises come shower, sauna, jacuzzi, sunbed. There are various beauty treatments, too, but these are extra. On Sunday more gym in the morning, buffet lunch and tennis or whatever you choose to enjoy before departing, clutching your diet and exercise programme to help your strengthened resolve. If you go to Torquay by car you might also like to visit Dartington to buy cheap second glass and to have a drink at the fourteenth century thatched cottage near Totnes, where Daniel Defoe wrote *Robinson Crusoe*.

The most agreeable aspect of the whole weekend is that you don't feel forced to do anything. The hotel is relaxed and friendly and nobody makes you feel that everything has to hurt before it does you good.

The Osborne itself has a magnificent palm-fringed Mediterranean outlook over Torbay — a curved Regency-style terrace built in 1846 by Sir Lawrence Palk, whose colourful descendant, the second Lord Haldon, is said to have gambled away his fortune by the then popular sport of racing spiders round a dinner plate.

The Leapfrogs weekend packages (available from next weekend to February 26/March 2) cost £70 including all meals from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. More details from the Osborne Hotel, Hesketh Crescent, Torquay, telephone 0803 213311. If you go with a friend who isn't on the health club kick, bed and continental breakfast is £13.50 (not a lot compared with other top hotels in Torquay), and the main courses in Chives restaurant is around £5.50.

Results? If you are serious about slimming you could lose a couple of pounds, which is enough to encourage you to keep up the good work when you get home. You will not lose half one day and have a jolly pinny evening and put it all back the next (I did). You will not make the rail strike a good excuse for staying another night and have an enormous naughty nosh in a Chinese chippy on Sunday (I did). But you will have a wonderful weekend (I did), that makes a slim spring seem possible after all.



Lightening the load

If you are thinking of updating your home laundering equipment, here are two new ways to make life easier — a washing machine with free servicing for five years and a steam iron which takes ordinary tap water without furring up.

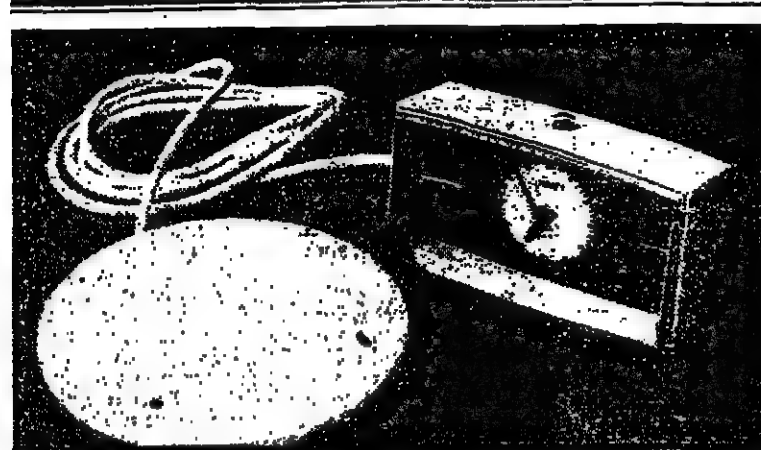
The washing machine is by Candy and has a stainless steel drum to overcome corrosion and a new construction which avoids stress caused by heat and vibration — both features cutting down the likelihood of failure and the need for replacements. It costs around £250 from Alders of Croydon.

Under the special servicing arrangement you pay £34.95 for

five years' cover of parts and labour if anything should go wrong — and at the end of that time you get a refund of the whole amount. This arrangement is at the moment available only until June this year, but it may be extended.

The steam iron by Tefal is heavy enough to press efficiently without any tiring extra elbow power. It has an excellent spray which is fine enough to damp the areas in front of the iron tip without producing a puddle and it has a clear panel on the body which shows the water level.

The heel is well proportioned and allows the iron to remain steady when upright and the appearance, as you can see, is neat and streamlined. On the whole, irons come fairly low on my list of rivetingly fascinating topics, but this one I like. It costs £20 from branches of Rumbelows.



An electric alarm clock with an extension pad which vibrates under the pillow has been designed for deaf people — but it would be just as helpful to those who simply cannot wake up in the morning.

Developed by engineers for the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, the clock has an audible alarm if you wish to use it conventionally, plus the pad attached by a long flex. The pad vibrates gently and persistently until the sleeper wakes.

The Vibralarm is available from Niagara Therapy (UK) Ltd, 251 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1H9, at £37.10, including postage. If a medical certificate is produced, VAT will be deducted.

Decorate the design kit way

Plenty of best selling authors are besotted by bed. Some devote a good deal of space to loofers on sofas, others are clearly turned on by shower power. Mary Gilliat manages to inject a strong infusion of all three into her latest book — and the result is an enormously successful encyclopedia of decorating.

It is unusual for any book priced at £16.95 to sell in hundreds of thousands, to be selected by five book clubs and to be destined for translation into German, Dutch, French, Spanish, Japanese and Norwegian, but apart from her obvious talent, Mary Gilliat has something that sets her apart from all other interior designers — an ability to inspire confidence in the most amateur decorator.

She also has a rare generosity — a willingness to let us in to her professional secrets, and this may be because she had no formal design training but learnt the hard way, by making her own mistakes. She began her career as a journalist, having won a *Vogue* talent competition, and was simply thrown in at the deep end when a developer asked her to design a show house.

Although she is now quite accustomed to designing lavish schemes for grand apartments and houses here and in America (so many that she now has a house in Connecticut so that she can operate efficiently on both sides of the Atlantic) she actually likes to do schemes that are limited by a budget.

"I hate things to look too new

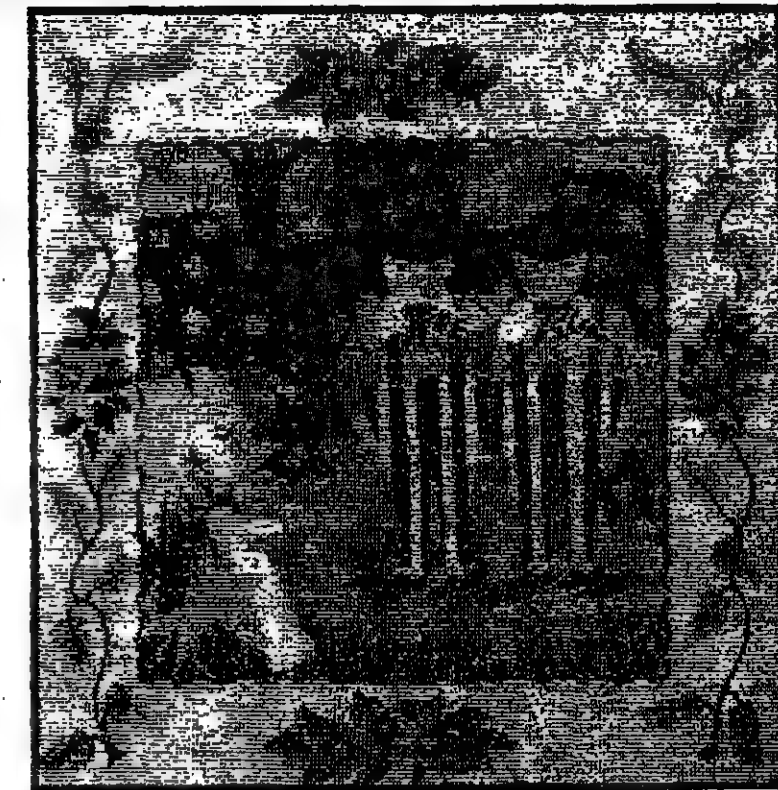


Tenniel in tapestry

If you would like to commemorate the 150th birthday of Lewis Carroll on January 27 by producing a piece of artwork to last for another century or so, you may care to choose a tapestry designed by Stella Levy based on the Tenniel drawing of Tweedle-dum and Tweedledee.

Purists may quarrel with the reversal of the Dodo and Hum, but they can wait for further Alice tapestries which will follow later this year. This tapestry, 14m square, complete with brightly coloured wools, uses long and short stitch for the design, so it is quick to do and has a varied texture.

It is available at Liberty, Regent Street, W1, at £19.95 plus £1 p & p or, for the next fortnight only, as a special birthday offer for Times readers, at £15.95 including postage direct from Stella Levy Designs, 37 Gower Street, London WC1, telephone 01-637 1530. The offer closes on February 6.



Mary Gilliat: too much choice

and perfect and very decorated", she says. "One of the problems in decorating is too much choice, not too little, so when your selection is limited by a given amount of money you think of much more interesting and ingenious ways of doing things."

"I always start with colour. I advise people to make a collection of colour pictures of furnishings — from magazines — anything that pleases them. Put them in a file, leave them for a while and then take them out and study them. Your preference in shapes and colours is almost always immediately obvious."

Too many people make the mistake of impulse buying instead of working out a budget and a long-term plan. Lots of people who think of themselves as avant garde are really still influenced by what their parents bought and rush out and spend all their money on a three-piece suite because they think they can't live without one.

Another way of avoiding mistakes is to use the design kit at the back of *The Decorating Book* (Michael Joseph £16.95). Having studied the sections on principles of design and the room-by-room guide which shows how the same room can be

treated in several different styles to suit a variety of tastes, you can make your own schemes by using the graph paper and cut-out furniture in the design kit and by referring to the Sample Book section of wallpapers, fabrics and floorcoverings to coordinate colours and patterns.

If you have rather more in the kitty you could ask Mary's professional opinion for a consultation fee of £50 plus £250 to £500 design fee for each room — but you can recoup that on the discounts she passes on when you buy furnishings through her. Or you can simply wait until the autumn for her next book — a collection, something like a cookbook, of decoration "recipes" for cheap chic in furnishing. If it is as handsome as *The Decorating Book* there should be a property boom caused by the thousands of readers all wanting to buy a new house just to put the ideas into practice.

The Times Cook/Shona Crawford Poole

The best of British

When a cook as well regarded as The Dorchester's maitre chef, Anton Mosimann, decides that only British food will be served in the hotel's restaurant, home cooking can certainly be said to have arrived somewhere. In this case though it is home cooking mostly in the sense that the dishes and ingredients are the best of British.

Sauces thickened with flour are out in Chef Mosimann's subterranean domain, and so are soggy veg.

Nouvelle cuisine, for want of a better phrase, rules in the recently revamped Terrace Restaurant upstairs, and its influence is soon to be felt across the hall in that tapestried bastion of roast beef and lamb chops, The Grill. Tripe with onions, roast sucking pig with walnut and apple stuffing, and boiled leg of lamb with caper sauce are just a few of the traditional dishes to be relaunched next week in modern dress.

Chief Mosimann is not the first person to point out that there is nothing new in cooking and he has no intention of banishing Yorkshire pudding from the new menu. What he is up to is more subtle than that. "Take ox-tail. If it is in a heavy thick sauce full of flour I don't want to eat it", he says. "But with our modern touch it is in a beautiful shiny sauce. Reducing the cooking liquid twice before braising it encourages the gelatine to come out of the ox-tail and shine the sauce."

Lightness, simplicity and clarity of flavour are the goals of what he calls his "attack" on British cooking. So in other dishes like the halibut poached in dry cider, cream is the thickening agent. In this case the sauce gains in calories as well as taste and lightness. And the

same thing is true of The Dorchester's soufflé-like bread pudding. This week's recipes then are Anton Mosimann's, with additional details gleaned from his happy morning spent in his kitchen and from cooking the dishes at home.

Poached halibut in dry cider
Serves four
4x170 g (6 oz) halibut fillets (supremes, see method)
Salt and freshly ground white pepper

30 g (1 oz) butter
55 g (2oz) carrot, cut in fine strips
55 g (2 oz) celery, cut in fine strips
55 g (2 oz) leek, cut in fine strips
120 ml (4 fl oz) fish stock
300 ml (¼ pint) dry cider, preferably Blackthorn
4 tomatoes, peeled, seeded and very finely chopped
250 ml (8 fl oz) double cream

Finely chopped parsley to garnish

Supremes are skinless fillets of large fish, each of which is big enough to make a portion. Halibut is usually sold in steaks. But if you buy one piece large enough for four servings, it can be skinned and a flat fillet cut from each side of the spine, top and bottom.

Dry the fish and season it lightly with salt and pepper. Melt the butter in a heavy sauce or frying pan and add the carrot, celery and leek. Sauté them gently for a minute or two without allowing them to brown, then add the fish. Pour over the fish stock and cook on a high heat. The stock should be bubbling briskly. Allow the stock to reduce to just a few tablespoons, then add the

cider. Continue poaching until the fish is done. Ideally, the fish will be cooked and the liquid reduced to about 150 ml (¼ pint) simultaneously. If the liquid is reducing too fast, cover the pan until the fish is ready. As soon as the fish is cooked, remove it from the pan and keep it warm.

Reduce the liquid in the pan by fast boiling to 150 ml (¼ pint) if there is more than that quantity, and add the chopped tomato and cream. Shake or stir the sauce over a medium heat to blend the cream and stock and continue cooking until the mixture has reduced by about half and thickened a little.

Arrange the halibut on warmed serving plates. Add any juices which have run out of the fish to the sauce, unless this will thin it down too much, and adjust the seasoning. Pour the sauce over the fish and sprinkle each portion with a little chopped parsley.

Braised ox-tail
Serves four

1.5 kg (3½ lbs) ox-tail
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
3 tablespoons oil, preferably peanut
200 g (7 oz) mirepoix (chopped leek, carrot, celery and onion)
200 ml (7 fl oz) red wine
1 litre (1¾ pints) brown stock
3 tablespoons tomato purée
1 bay leaf
1 sprig of thyme

For the garnish
140 g (5 oz) carrots
140 g (5 oz) turnips
110 g (4 oz) button onions, peeled

30 g (1 oz) butter (optional, see method)
30 g (1 oz) finely chopped parsley

Cut the ox-tail into pieces 2.5 to 5 cm (1 to 2 inches) thick and season them with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a heavy flameproof casserole, and sauté the ox-tail until it is well browned. Add the mirepoix and cook the vegetables until they too are well browned.

Add the wine and cook on a high heat until it has reduced to just a few tablespoons, then add one third of the stock and continue boiling until it too is well reduced.

Now add the remaining stock, the tomato purée, bay leaf and thyme. Cover the casserole and use the ox-tail in a preheated moderately hot oven (180°C/375°F, gas mark 6) for about 2½ hours, or until the ox-tail is very tender.

While the ox-tail is cooking, prepare the vegetables for the garnish. To turn the carrots and turnips is an optional refinement. Use a sharp knife to shape the vegetables into elongated miniature rugby balls about the size of a large teaspoon. Uniformity is the aim, and it takes practice, but the results do give a well finished appearance to the completed dish. The offcuts can, of course, be used for soup or stock.

When the ox-tail is tender, take the pieces from the casserole and skim the fat from the sauce, then pass it through a fine sieve, pressing through as much of the mirepoix as possible. Return the sauce and ox-tail to the casserole and add the turned carrots and turnips, and the button onions. Cook the braise for another 30 min-

utes. Adjust the seasoning to taste and serve with a sprinkling of parsley.

The vegetable garnishes may be cooked separately in the butter and added to the braise when it is served.

Bread and butter pudding
Serves four

250 ml (8 fl oz) milk
250 ml (8 fl oz) double cream
A pinch of salt
1 vanilla pod
3 eggs
110 g (4 oz) sugar
3 small butter rolls
30 g (1 oz) butter

1 tablespoon sultanas or currants, soaked in water
1½ tablespoons apricot jam
A little icing sugar

Put the milk, cream, salt and vanilla pod in a pan and bring to the boil. Combine the eggs and sugar in a bowl and mix well. Remove the vanilla pod from the hot cream and pour it into the egg mixture, stirring briskly. Sieve this custard. Cut the rolls in thin slices discarding the top and bottom crusts, and butter them.

Arrange the slices in an ovenproof dish and sprinkle them with the soaked sultanas or currants. Add the custard and dot with any remaining butter. Bake the pudding in a water bath of boiling water which comes half way up the sides of the dish in a cool oven (140°C/275°F, gas mark 1) for about 1 hour, or until just firm.

Spread the apricot jam over the top of the pudding and dust it lightly with icing sugar. Set the glaze under the grill, browning it lightly. Serve the pudding hot, warm or cold with cream or bottled fruit.

For a time hardy annual flowers — those which may be sown in the open where they are to bloom — lost much of their popularity. Obviously it is much easier to buy a few boxes of half hardy annuals — marigolds, petunias, minias and plant them out.

The preparation of the ground is the same for hardy and half hardy annuals, but with the former you have to sow the seeds and thin the seedlings perhaps twice. But for the price of two or three boxes of half hardy annuals you can buy a lot of packets of hardy annuals and have a splendid, colourful show.

While there are dozens of hardy varieties among the half hardy and hardy annuals, why there are so few hardy biennials. One is *Mandarin* (3,4) — see footnote), a recent introduction which flowers earlier and more freely than the old varieties, producing double orange flowers, and is good for the garden and for cutting. A sister *F1* variety is *Apricot Sherbert* with large salmon-yellow flowers. Why there are so few *F1* hybrids I have no idea.

We can of course treat some hardy biennial and perennial flowers as annuals: the modern *F1* pansies will flower the same year, but to do so need to be sown in a heated greenhouse in February or March. Sown in the open in a seed bed or in a cold frame in June or July, they may be planted out in the autumn. We have had some in bloom even until they were covered with snow and I hope they will flower generously all next spring and summer.

We have grown the blue and the yellow *F1* varieties for some years and last year for the first time, we tried *Indian Boy* (4), rich red,

and *Imperial Orange* (2,4), a very large flowered pansy of a rich orange with a black blotch. They are really excellent.

Shirley poppies, both the single and double mixtures, are sadly neglected these days; they may be sown in the open in spring or in September to flower rather earlier the following year than the spring sown seed.

They are very useful to sow to follow some of the earlier summer flowers — a few seeds sown among bearded irises will bring colour to that patch of bed or border after the irises have finished. Devoted iris lovers would probably disapprove but I have always found these plants to be cheerful bedfellows.

Nasturtiums, tall and dwarf, are very good value for filling in gaps in shrub or herbaceous beds or borders, for tubs and window boxes or hanging.

We are particularly fond of the dwarf variety *Alaska* (1,2,3,4) which has orange, crimson, yellow, salmon or cerise flowers with green and cream variegated foliage. We popped a few in gaps in our crazy paved area last year and they were very effective.

The poached egg flower *Limnanthes douglasii* (1,2,3), also called because it has yellow flowers edged with white, is a splendid annual flowering as an edging to borders or under roses for many weeks in summer. It also seeds itself freely and once you have it you always have it — at least it has been seeding itself for many years in our garden.

annual flowers are brightly coloured, nature has not thought it necessary to endow many of them with fragrance — the dowdy mignonette would not catch the eye of pollinating insects and so is richly scented.

As sweet peas are self pollinated and hence do not need to attract insects, one wonders why the original *Lathyrus odoratus* and the early forms now sold as "old fashioned" varieties, which were not very showy by modern standards, were so still so — powerfully fragrant. One can still buy mixtures of these old favourites.

Many new sweet pea varieties too are strongly scented, particularly the novelty *Royal Wedding* (4), a large flowered, long stemmed pure white variety. Sadly the other outstanding novelty of the year, *Brian Clough* (4), has little scent but is a splendid salmon orange.

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Competition Results

We were delighted again this week with awful puns (Food-lew, Downgraded, etc.) as caption to our picture of Lord Grade in retreat. "Bio-degradable" was the least awful, from Mr Theodore Crombie of south London, who is the runner-up, winner, with (not much better) "The End of the Peet Show", is Mr A. Phillips of Wembley, Middlesex.

Travel/edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Buying British/John Carter Playing on the home ground

Unless you were planning to return to old haunts — the hotel or guest house that had accommodated you for a dozen summer seasons or, more likely, to friends or relatives who would put you up (or put up with you) for a couple of weeks — the business of organizing a holiday in Britain used to be a very complicated affair.

You answered the resort advertisement, sending off the required postal order for its guide, and from that selected your hotel or guest house which you then telephoned or, usually, wrote to. If your first or second choice could not accommodate you when you wished, you had to press on through the list, working by hunch rather than any form of star rating, and worrying about it all increasingly as the days passed and you received no reply, despite the obligatory "see enclosed".



If the same ponderous technique had applied to foreign holidays, we should never have colonized the shores of Spain or Italy as we did, never got to grips with Greece or tackled Tunisia. But the technique did not apply. Instead we learned to identify and purchase "package" holidays, presented to us in glossy brochures and purchasable in a simple transaction over a travel agency counter.

It is to their credit that those made responsible for the promotion of holidays in Britain at the end of the 1960s quickly came to grips with that basic problem, and have made the buying of a "domestic" holiday as simple as the buying of a foreign one.

Perhaps that does not apply to the entire range of holidays, but it certainly applies to most. And it has to be said that some of the best tourist literature now being produced is that coming from the national and regional boards in England, Scotland and Wales.

Take, for example, the glossy *England Holidays '82* which was produced in the middle of last month by the English Tourist Board, as the official guide to what is available. As weighty (104 pages) as your average holiday brochure, it contains information about seaside and countryside holidays, touring and self-catering holidays and those which fall into the "activity and special interest" categories.

I shall get down to some specifics in a moment, but the general point to be made — and borne in mind — is that many of the holidays are bookable through travel agents (from whom, incidentally, the brochure may be obtained). What is more, some 1,000 agents and 30 leading holiday companies have joined together, with the support of the ETB, to form Holiday UK. Member agents carry supplies of special brochures to supplement the travel companies' own material — all in an effort to educate the public to think about domestic holidays in the same package deal terms as they do holidays abroad.

Not that the holiday companies have been slow to produce their British packages. The names of Butlins, Warners and Pontins among holiday camp operators, and of Blakes and Hosesons in hosting holidays have been familiar for many years. What has happened is that those well-established con-

cerns have been joined by a host of smaller ones — in some cases single hotels have got into the "package" act in order to fill their rooms.

The ETB's main brochure guides the holidaymaker towards particular regions of England, listing the addresses of regional tourist boards, from whom more information may be obtained. It also gives, for example, the names of coach operators, divided into the regions from which they operate, whether the holidays they offer are of the touring kind or at particular resorts with connecting coach travel. It also lists companies offering resort holidays by rail and the overwhelming majority of all of these are marked as selling through travel agents.

Self-catering holidays represent the biggest growth area, in domestic holidays, and there are plenty of companies offering houses and cottages for rent. Blakes and Hosesons have branched into this field, but there are many other small companies, of which, for example, English Country Cottages of Claypit Lane, Fakenham, Norfolk, offer more than 750 properties throughout the country, sleeping from two to 14 people and ranging from country mansions to farm-houses.

Grey Abbey Properties (Dept. TB P.O. Box 23, Coach Road, Whitehaven, Cumbria) have cottages, flats, houses and caravans in and around the northern part of the Lake District, while Fairhaven Holiday Cottages (Marinefield Park, Box 4, Uckfield, East Sussex) specializes in the South east, the West country and the Cotswolds.

If you fancy the countryside, but not self-catering, then the ETB book lists half a dozen companies offering farmhouse accommodation, from £42 for a week on half board terms. Those who wish to get right away from the crowds, however, might go for the log cabins that the Forestry Commission has available in the Kernow Forest in Cornwall and in the Cropton Forest in the North Yorkshire Moors (Forestry Holiday Bookings, 231 Corporation Road, Edinburgh, EH2 7AT).

Writing that Edinburgh address reminds me that although I have so far concentrated on holidays in England, a similar selection

is available in Scotland and Wales, whose respective tourist boards have produced similar guidebooks to that from the ETB. A travel agent should, similarly, be able to help with further information. He should also be able to help if you want to book one of the very many activity and special interest holidays that are available throughout Britain.

So far I have mentioned only "official" literature from the national and regional boards, and this is invaluable for any one who wants to create his or her holiday. If the very much more packaged deal is your fancy, however, the likes of Blakes and Hosesons, of Butlins, Pontins and Warners, to say nothing of the coach tour companies and Golden Rail, all have their own brochures on the travelling agency shelves.

To a greater extent they are offering the mixture as before, but as one sales director put it when we spoke at the beginning of this month: "If it works, why change it?" and sales figures indicate that the old formulae do work in respect of domestic holiday packages — familiarity breeds content.

All that needs to happen now is for the individual seaside resorts to look long and hard at the way they regard their main industry, and to become as up to date in their publicity and marketing as the "commercial" travel trade. National and regional tourist boards are giving a lead in this, but by and large the resorts are lagging. Still, you can always answer the small ads, send off the postal order for the guide and go through the tedious old process of writing off to individual hotels and guest houses ("see enclosed"). Somehow, though, I think there must be a better way of going about it.

Winter holiday discount news

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The danger in name-dropping

Unless your home was a major historic building, you might have expected to be able to adapt it to suit yourself without interference. Even kings had to alter their castles from time to time to cater for changing circumstances.

The following saga deals with a homeowner who wanted to improve and add a small part of her unlisted house; her architect, who was skilful, intellectual and perhaps a bit proud withal; the local environmental enforcement troops; and employees of the London Borough of Islington.

The house is a late Victorian and Edwardian house in Canonbury: a three-storey confection of a mixture of styles. The architect, Harry Grillo, claimed to find stylistic traces of French Renaissance, English Renaissance and Tudor. He said as much in his planning sub-

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The British are curiously hypocritical about wine. "They put a great deal of sugar in their drink," said a visitor in 1598. Our penetratingly damp climate and the comfort to a rheumatic constitution of a drink that warms and relaxes inspired the creation of port (the granitic vineyards of the Douro in northern Portugal are still *chilling*), the evolution of the great sweet sherries (unknown in Spain) and pre-central heating tipples such as Marsala, Malaga, Portage and the like. And, for the greater quantity of sherry sold in Britain is sweet and one of the top pop wines is the Cyprus EMV. In fact, and with a growing market for the cream-based liqueurs,

of the area—basically rural—has the notion that it is somehow “better” to “drink dry.” This is fine when the atmosphere is dry likewise and the palate needs perking up. But it is sheer affectation to shy away from wines that provide pleasure and their natural fruit sweetness. There is a different thing from their being “sweetened.” A well-made wine should never be cloying and many of them are good partners to unctu-

mission. Perhaps that was his first mistake.

The simple adaptation required was a new porch. It was needed both to make the front entrance more prominent, and also to provide additional internal space. Mr Grillo determined that it should have style and wit. That was his second mistake. It should be added that these desires are not seen as mistakes by me: but there must have appeared heinous errors to the local council, to judge by their ensuing actions.

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reference to Bramante, to Palladio, to Colen Campbell and to Aldo Van Eyck. Maybe that was his third mistake: perhaps a bit over the top for a simple house porch. Perhaps it was felt that he was trying to exert undue influence.

The submission was dealt with by someone from the planning department whom neither the Royal Town Planning Institute nor the Royal Institution of British Architects claimed as a member. She demurred. The porch on this house, she said — were there to be a porch at all — should follow the shape of the shallow, angular bay windows of the existing house. In other words, a repetition of existing mediocrity, preferring the status quo to any renovation.

Mr Grillo tried again. This time he proposed a barrel-vaulted, rectangular structure, with rectangular windows.

Drink
Non-dry

ous or fatty foods, just as apple sauce goes with pork, or a bitter orange sauce with duckling; in the Asti region the local sparklers, "grapey" with the character of the Moscato, are often chosen to drink with vitello tonnato or anything with mayonnaise. Such wines can be excellent between-times refreshers, toning up the palate and pleasing the digestion at times when anything young, high in acidity and scrappily dry in taste is understandably hard to enjoy.

to enjoy.

A peony pink sparkling wine, Brachetto Spumante, from the highly respected firm of Bersano at Nizza Monferrato, in the Asti region, is very well made, a fruity drink with a tangily fresh finish. The Bersano establishment, which makes a wide range of wines, is well worth a detour because its wine museum, partly housed in its impressive cellars, partly in the gardens outside, is one of the most impressive

in Italy.
The Brachetto Spumante costs \$2.99 from La Vigneronne, 105 Old Brompton Rd., SW7, another establishment worth a detour, because it is kept by a young woman Master of Wine and her husband, who also stock wine books, beers — and are open on Sundays.
Most people will be fam-



The porch as finally built—and (right) as intended

The design was passed, and the porch now exists. It can be seen by the curious at 16 Canonbury Place. It has touches of delight, but is substantially less original and witty than the original.

This cautionary tale has been told at this length — although nothing like the length that the original negotiations were spun out — to indicate that no matter how good the client's patronage, no matter how skilled or witty the architect, the planning staff and amenity heavyweights can still enforce the levels of mediocrity of which they are clearly so fond.

the mushroom breaking off, and if you let go of the cork, it is a potential danger — every year people lose eyesight by letting the cork fly, for the pressure behind it is equal to that in the tyre of a London bus.

Visiting a technical exhibition in Paris, a director of R & C Vintners came across a sturdy plastic gripper, designed to hold the mushroom part of the cork of any sparkling wine. Not only does it hold the cork firmly while the bottle is turned but, as the instinctive reaction is to tighten the grip if the cork suddenly pops out, it will retain the cork safely. It can be used for any sparkling wine stoppered with a cork, but not a plastic stopper.

The gripper is not sold here but to obtain one (in white, and carrying the name Veuve du Vernay in green), it is only necessary to send a metal "plaquette" (the cap under the wire on top of the cork) from any bottle of Veuve du Vernay to: R & C Vintners, Dept 1, Carrow, Norwich, plus stamps value 20p, and your full postal address block letters, please. Allow 28 days for delivery.

In an article on the links between mathematics, music and chess which I wrote for *Interdisciplinary Science Reviews* in 1980 I pointed out that each employed a planned symbolism to develop its ideas. This similarity in the processes of thought was emphasized by the nature of the stages of the development.

"In planning his logarithm or theorem, or even his complete theory, the mathematician will build it up as though it were a living organism with a beginning, a middle and an end. The planning and execution of a game of chess — well, I have just described it. The three basic phases of a game are precisely the opening, the middle-game and the ending."

"In music too we find exactly the same process. Consider a sonata by Mozart. It is divided up into precisely these three parts, both chronologically and logically. The first movement is an opening allegro, the second or middle movement is an adagio or an andante and the third and final movement is an allegro or allegretto."

Arising from all this is the high-sounding claim that chess is not a mere game but, like music, an art, and, like mathematics, a science. High-sounding it may be, but it is a stand which I first took at the age of 16 when I was absorbed equally by chess and music and I see no reason to change it.

I suppose it all depends on one's definition of what constitutes an art and how this fits in with one's definition of the pursuit and practice of music and chess.

Alison Best, an accomplished American journalist whom I met at the FIDE congress at Atlanta, Georgia, last year, has given me a definition of art made by Ayn Rand in his book, *The Romantic Manifesto*: "a selective recreation of reality according to the artist's metaphysical judgments, by means of a specific material medium."

This seems to me too narrow a definition, since there are many forms of art and it describes only one of them. But the astonishing fact is that it constitutes an exact definition of the game and play of chess. The selective re-creation of reality and the metaphysical value judgments are precisely the ideas a chess player produces and uses and his specific material medium is the chessboard and the pieces.

For a practical illustration and confirmation of all this, let us consider the game played between the international master Nigro Short was kind enough to go over with me the game in which he beat the first prize winner, Soviet grandmaster Victor Kupreichik, at the ICCE Grandmaster's Tournament in Hastings. The game itself was not as great shakes, since Kupreichik lost through an elementary blunder. But the way Short exploited this gave the game its artistic value and the way he explained to me followed exactly the processes of thought that have already described.

White: Nigel Short. Black: Viktor Kupreichik.
Lopez, Bird's Defence.

1 P-K4	P-K4
2 N-KB3	N-QB3
3 B-N5	N-Q5
4 B-B4	

The main line here is 4 N×N, but the text move has been played before, though not with any pronounced success for White.

4
5 P-03 B-24

This appears to be an innovation; however, the pawn move, like the book

move which was 5 O-O, should have led to equality only.

5 ...	Q-B3
6 QN-Q2	P-QN4?

Aggressive but weakening; as soon appears, Black's pawn move weakens him severely on the white squares. Instead he should play 6 ..., N-K2.

7 B-N3	P-Q3
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But now the logical move was 7... NxB when however 8 NxN retains an advantage for White.

8 NxN BxN
9 N-Q3 B-N5
10 P-B3 B-N3
11 P-QN4 P-P4
Or 11 . . . P-B3; 12 PxP.
PxP; 13 B-Q5, when White
has a marked advantage.

12 BxRPch K-B1
13 B-Q3 N-K2

A blunder; better was 13
BxN; 14 QxR, QxQ; 15 PxQ.
P-KB3 when, however, White
still has the upper hand.

14	NxP	PxN
15	OxS	A-KR4
16	O-B3	QxQ
17	PxO	N-N3
18	P-N4	K-K2
19	K-K2	KR-Q1
20	KR-KN1	R-Q3
21	B-N3	K-B1

Or 21 . . . QR-Q1; 22 B-QB4
and White still has the deadly
threat of R-N5.

23 R-G5	R-K83
24 R1R	PxR
25 G-G5	R-OB1
26 P-N5	K-K2
27 P-Q8	N-B5ch
28 K-Q2	

The one and only moment when one can criticize White's play, and, to do him justice, it was Short himself who pointed out that he should have played 28 BxN, PxB; 29 R-KN1 with an easy win.

28 N-N7
29 R-QB1 Nx8
30 PxN R-KN1
If 30 . . . B-B4; 31 R-KN1
followed by R-N7.

31	P-04	PxP
32	P-05	B-R4 ch
33	P-06	PxP
34	P-07	B-N5
35	PxP	B-N7
36	P-N5	P-K7

IF 36...BxP; 37.RxPch.
K-Q3; 38.R-B6ch.

37 PxP K-Q2
38 P-B6 ch K-Q3

IF 38...K-B1: 39.BxP

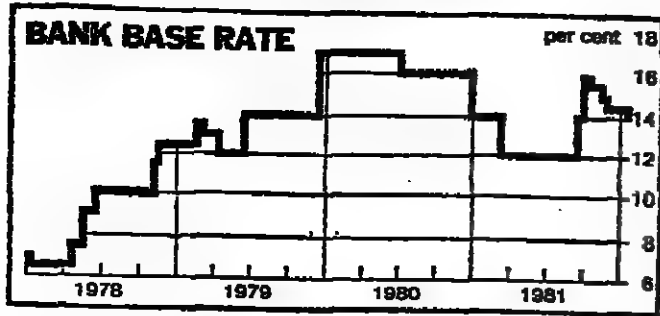
39 P-88 = Q P-K8=Q
40 Q-N8 ch K-B4
41 Q-B8 ch K-N4

and Black resigns.

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week This table is published on Wednesday and Saturday—FT Index change on week 567.2 + 35.6 (6.7%)[illegible]

BUSINESS NEWS

Bank rate falls



The banks' base lending rates, which went up from 12 per cent to 16 per cent late last summer in response to a surge in bank lending and weakness in sterling, are coming down from 14½ to 14 per cent. Mortgage rates will remain unchanged.

Britain's top earner

Mr Richard Giordano, the 46-year-old American chief executive of BOC International, continues to be Britain's highest paid executive with a salary last year of £477,100. This is disclosed in BOC's latest annual report for the year to September 1980. In 1980 he earned a record £271,400.

Romanian debt talks

Western bankers had further talks with Romanian officials on Thursday and yesterday in Bucharest against a background of growing concern over Romania's failure to keep up with repayments on its foreign debt estimated at \$10,000m to \$13,000m (£5,300m to £6,900m).

EEC jobless top 10 million

The number of registered unemployed in the European Community topped the 10 million mark at the end of last year.

According to Eurostat, the EEC's statistical office, the number of unemployed in the Community, excluding Greece, advanced by 2.7 per cent in December bringing the Community's workforce without jobs to 9.2 per cent. Over 1981 the number out of work in the Community of the nine rose by just over 2.25 million.

Eurostat also detected a marked deterioration in male as opposed to female unemployment in recent months.

Country	Total	Per cent
Italy	2,145,900	9.6
West Germany	1,703,900	6.5
France	2,014,400	8.9
Netherlands	473,900	9.1
Belgium	525,400	12.9
Luxembourg	2,028	1.3
United Kingdom	2,940,700	11.3
Ireland	141,100	11.5
Denmark	261,000	9.5

MARKET SUMMARY

Equities shot in the arm

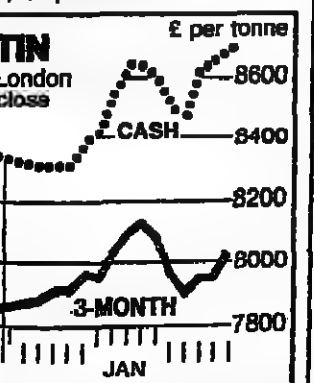
LONDON EXCHANGE

FT Index 567.2 up 8.1
FT 100 64.15 up 0.22
FT All-share 323.39 up 40
Bargains 23,611

Cheaper money and the possibility of a mild Budget on March 9 provided a further shot in the arm for equities yesterday. The FT Index, the top thirty shares ended the account 8.1 up at 567.2, a rise on the account of 35.8. This is the highest level the index has reached since September 3, when it closed at 568.0. Gifts were also in jubilation mood helped by the cut in bank base rates by ½ per cent to 14 per cent and the decision of the Government to restrict the fund-raising to one index-linked stock of £750m 2½ per cent 2011 £35 part paid. Longs closed the day with rises of up to 2½ with shorts 1½ higher. Only the existing index-linked stocks suffered losing up to 21. The high turnover in equities was just the trigger for one seller of 2m Trusthouse Forte at 120p which was cleared without affecting the price 4p up at 124p. Leadshare Sterling was suspended at 85p at the company's request pending a further announcement. Broomfield Investments, a subsidiary of British & Commonwealth Shipping, holds 79.99 per cent. A bid for the remainder has not been ruled out. Ultramar recovered 3p to 436p after Thursday's weakness on talks of a rights issue and a bearish broker's circular. Brokers Scott Giff Hancock say they were not responsible for the circular and remain long-term bulls of Ultramar. Meanwhile, National Westminster led the latest round of interest rate-cutting for borrowers, reducing its charges by ½ per cent to 14 per cent. The move had already been discounted but the shares still benefited. Nat West rose 10p to 419p, Barclays 7p to 463p, Midland 11p to 361p, and Lloyds 13p to 451p. But elsewhere in banks, Hambro Life tumbled 10p to 146p after news of disappointing results. Satchel & Satchel was in a better frame of mind after learning it had retained the Conservative Party contract for the next general election. Equity market trading saw a surge in Hurdley & Palmer's price, still being tipped as a likely takeover candidate, and closing 3p up at 103p. Equity Turnover on January 21 was £182,567m (16,777 bargains).

COMMODITIES

On the London Metal Exchange cash tin set a new trading high of £8,690 per tonne for standard grade during morning dealings with the main feature heavy forward buying against fresh physical demand. At the afternoon close standard grade cash was trading at £8,687.50 per tonne, a rise of £32.50 on the day, and three months was at £8,035 per tonne.



Trade sources in London said the International Cocoa Organization buffer stock manager has now bought sufficient cocoa from Ghana to complete the quota of 6,400 tonnes agreed for the country between cocoa producers in November, entailing purchases yesterday of 400 tonnes. No price or shipment details were available, and there was no news of buffer stock buying from other origins.

World production of cocoa during 1982 (October to September) could be around 28,000 tonnes in deficit due to considerable reductions in West Africa supplies, trade sources said in Paris.

De Lorean leaves

Mr John De Lorean, chairman of the De Lorean car company, flew from London to New York yesterday, expecting to return next week to continue discussions with Mr James Gulliver's Argyle.

Mr De Lorean is understood to require Government guarantees for loans of about £5m, but the Government wants greater involvement in running the company.

Gloom to boom

Corby, Northants, was both a depressed area and a boom town, Mr Norman Lamont, Minister for Industry, said yesterday. Although 6,000 lost their jobs with the steelworks closure in 1979, 1,200 new jobs had since been created, with a further 3,000 projected, and a 22 per cent jobless rate was now falling 2 per cent a year, he said.

Inflation slows

Inflation in the United States slowed to its lowest level in four years in 1981, rising by only 6.9 per cent as recession and unemployment cut heavily into all areas of consumer spending.

Argyll pays £3m for Pricerite

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

Mr James Gulliver's Argyle Foods group is buying the 67 Pricerite discount stores from BAT Stores for £3m. This is Argyle's first big expansion move since the attempted takeover of Lifford Holdings failed after an intervention by the Office of Fair Trading.

It is Argyle's Lo-Cost subsidiary that is buying the Pricerite chain, which is spread through the Midlands, the North-West and Wales. BAT has already sold the southern half of the chain to Fine Fare.

Lo-Cost has 107 stores which, like Pricerite, trade on a discount formula with a limited number of grocery lines.

Argyle is valuing Pricerite, which has an annual turnover of £34m, at £3.8m. There are 25 freehold and 42 leasehold stores and a distribution depot at Chester which is on a long lease. Trading depot stock will cost not more than another £3.5m, Argyle said.

The addition of Pricerite will bring the Lo-Cost annual turnover to more than £100m, Argyle believes.

The deal is a further indication of BAT's move towards larger grocery outlets. It is half-way through a three-year £60m development programme of its Mainstay supermarkets and its international stores division plan to open five larger supermarkets this year.

But the future of some of the many smaller grocery outlets in the international chain of 450 outlets is still in doubt.

RTZ snubs new approach for Ward

By Gareth David

Rio Tinto Zinc is refusing to increase its £136 bid for Thos. W. Ward, the cement group, after the directors of Ward said they would now be prepared to recommend a higher offer.

Ward made the move, in what has been a long and bitter takeover battle, after RTZ had taken its stake in the group to 41 per cent.

Ward's last-minute change of heart could open the way for RTZ to come back with a new offer with the agreement of the Ward Board and the 12-month Takeover Panel rule on renewed bids would then be avoided.

Rule 35 prevents a company such as RTZ making a new bid within 12 months and is designed to stop a company being put under siege, but it would automatically be suspended in the case of a recommended offer.

Sir Alistair Frame, chairman of RTZ, said yesterday that he was prepared to talk to Ward about anything but the price.

But Ward chairman Mr Peter Frost said that he was available for talks at any time and anticipated having further talks with RTZ before very long.

The directors of Ward said in a statement yesterday that it would be in the best interests of their employees and the Ward businesses if they were able to join the RTZ Group on an amicable basis.

Ward also requested RTZ to make public the terms it intends offering for Tunnel Holdings, another cement-making company in which Ward has a 42 per cent stake.

RTZ owns eight per cent of Tunnel so control of Ward would give RTZ control of the company. RTZ welcomed the group's acknowledgment that an amicable merger would be in the best interests of both businesses.

Bank acts to encourage lower interest rates

By John Whitmore, Financial Correspondent

The Bank of England, capitalizing on the revived enthusiasm in the gilt-edged market this week, is to launch its issue of index-linked government stock on Thursday.

By announcing only one new stock yesterday, and by avoiding a further issue of conventional short-dated stock, the Bank encouraged speculation that the authorities would like to see the present downward trend in interest rates extended further.

The Bank also made a further cut in its dealing rate in the bill market, the fifth reduction over the week. Yesterday's dealing rate for short-dated bills came down to 13½ per cent, a full half per cent below the previous Friday's level.

At the weekly Treasury bill tender, aggressive bidding by the discount houses lowered the bill rate for new 90-day bills from 14.5 to 13.5 per cent.

Just how far and how quickly the authorities would now like to see interest rates fall seems likely to depend in part on what other countries do and how the pound behaves on foreign exchange markets.

Yesterday sterling dipped below \$1.87 immediately after the news that National Westminster had cut its base rate. But it recovered to close only 80 points down on the day at \$1.873 and rallied against leading European currencies.

The pound has held up extremely well in the face of the closing of the interest

rate advantages over New York, helped by the miners' vote not to strike.

But there remains uncertainty as to how the pound would behave if United States interest rates move to higher levels in the coming weeks.

Although there seems to be general agreement among the major European countries and the United States Government that interest rates need to come down, it is not at all clear that this view is shared by the Federal Reserve.

The money supply is now under better control, the pay round is viewed as going reasonably well and the underlying trend in inflation is expected to improve from the spring onwards.

This week's fall in interest rates has given a boost not only to gilts but also to shares. The FT 30 share index gained 8.1 to 567.2 yesterday, making a gain of 36 points over the five trading days.

The new index-linked stock will be smaller than previous issues at £750m nominal and will carry a coupon of 2½, as opposed to 2 per cent. It will also be longer, maturing in 2011, and will be partly paid.

The initial payment has been set at £35 per cent, the balance falling due on March 16. Potential subscribers are once again restricted to pension funds.

The two existing stocks yield about 2½ per cent and 3 per cent respectively. There is not minimum tender price for the new stock.



Mr Roy Collins: 47 years in the Stock Exchange

Departure of a wise man

By Michael Clark

The ranks of the "three wise men", jobbers at Wedd Durlacher Mordant, who make prices in some of the more unusual stocks quoted on the stock market, were depleted by one yesterday after retirement of Mr Roy Collins, after 47 years.

But apart from sounding like characters from Robert Louis Stevenson's famous novel, Wedd's three wise men who work from the

"Treasure Island" pitch, deal in some of the lesser known stocks shunned by their competitors, including the Whistable Bay Oyster Company.

Mr Collins joined the Stock Exchange in 1935 as a blue button, dealers clerk, but owing to the war only became an authorised dealer in 1951. Just before becoming a member in 1961 he

joined Bone, Oldham, Bostant and Seal which later merged with Wedd Durlacher.

Mr Collins is unable to remember exactly how the three wise men were formed, but now in tends to spend more time at his home in Uppminster, in Essex. However, he will not sever his links with the market entirely and may continue to deal from time to time.

High Street trading hit by weather

By Frances Williams and Derek Harris

The weather largely put paid to retailers' hopes of a merry Christmas and prospects for 1982 do not look too happy either despite a surge of sales buying.

Official figures published yesterday show that business in Britain's high streets fell by 0.9 per cent in December, the second monthly drop in a row. The figures are seasonally adjusted and take into account the fact that trade normally rises in the run-up to Christmas, and again afterwards when the winter sales begin.

The appalling weather which disrupted pre-Christmas shopping and the start of the sales clearly depressed business. But the sluggish trade may also reflect a general downturn in consumer spending because of the squeeze on incomes.

Up to now spending has held up well. The Department of Trade suggests that the underlying level of trade has

remained roughly constant since last spring, with business over 1981 as a whole about 2 per cent up on 1980.

Despite the disappointing winter trade, business in the fourth quarter was up ½ per cent on the third quarter.

The retail consortium has had reports from more than half a dozen chains on better-than-expected sales in January. But the consortium still expects that if the Budget is neutral in its effect on consumer spending power, sales will decline this year.

Heron in £46.4m bid for ACC

By Philip Robinson

Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron Corporation launched a £46.4m takeover bid for Associated Communications Corporation yesterday just hours before his High Court action to prevent Australian financier Mr Robert Holmes from gaining a quick victory over Lord Grade's old company.

Mr Holmes & Court's bid is £10m lower, but he has promises from ACC directors to accept it which would give him 63.3 per cent of the votes and control.

Last night Mr Ronson dropped a High Court action against the Independent Broadcasting Authority. He had been trying to prevent them approving transfers of shares from ACC directors to Mr Holmes & Court.

But he obtained an extension of Thursday's injunction restraining ACC directors from transferring the shares. Both sides are expected to appear in court on Monday when it is expected that ACC will argue it was in the best interests of the company to accept Mr Holmes & Court's bid because of its financial state.

The court was suggested that ACC's financial director will be called to give evidence when the hearing resumes.

Meanwhile, ACC is going ahead with its attempts to get the IBA to approve the share transfers. It was thought last night that even though Mr Ronson's offer (85p for the non-voting shares and 340p for the voting shares) is higher, it has come too late.

Providing the share transfers are allowed, Mr Holmes & Court can win control directly as soon as his formal offer document is posted next week. He could have gained victory yesterday, had Mr Ronson's injunctions not been granted. Under new takeover rules which came into force at midnight on Thursday, he cannot count the crucial voting shares as his until the document is out. However, he still needs the permission of the Secretary of State before he owns the company.

On Monday, the Post Office pension fund, leading ten of ACC non-voting institutional shareholders, goes into court to see injunctions that the asset-rich entertainments to property group does not pay over cash or sell property to dismissed managing director Mr Jack Gill. The pension funds are opposing the £560,000 golden handshake to Mr Gill.

Lloyd's committee may expel member

By Peter Wilson-Smith

The Committee of Lloyd's is taking the unprecedented step of trying to expel one of its members, Mr Reid Wilson, an underwriter who used to be connected with the Christopher Moran Group. It is the first time in the history of the London insurance market that the full weight of its archaic disciplinary powers has been brought into play.

A notice posted yesterday in the underwriting room at Lloyd's read: "In connection with the arbitration pursuant to Section 22 of the Lloyd's Act 1877 against Mr E. R. P. Wilson, the arbitrators have found Mr Wilson guilty of acts and defaults discreditable to him as an underwriter. Accordingly, the Committee has resolved that a special meeting of members will be convened to decide whether Mr Wilson should be excluded from membership of one Society."

Four-fifths of those present need to vote in favour of expulsion and the date of the meeting will be fixed when the outcome of arbitration against Mr Christopher Moran, due to start on July 12, is known. Mr Moran, one-time managing director of Christopher Moran Group,

was acquitted of fraud charges at the Old Bailey just before Christmas along with fellow accused, Mr Derek Walker, a Lloyd's underwriter.

Lloyd's has no proceedings against Mr Derek Walker but has already taken disciplinary action against another former Christopher Moran Group executive, Mr James Redgrave, who was suspended for six months last year after being found guilty of discreditable conduct.

Mr Wilson was the underwriter of Syndicate 566 which was managed by Harman Hedley Agencies, a subsidiary of Christopher Moran, until it was sold to Reed Steenhuis Holdings last June. The Lloyd's proceedings relate to re-insurance transactions which took place between 1975 and 1979.

According to the 1980 report and accounts of Christopher Moran, it became apparent that in April 1979 the volume of business being undertaken by Syndicate 566 under the binding authority given by the Christopher Moran & Co broking subsidiary was likely to give rise to problems in complying with certain Lloyd's regulations.



Coutts & Co.

Coutts & Co. announce that their Base Rate is reduced from 14½% to 14% per annum with effect from the 25th January 1982 until further notice.

The Deposit Rate on monies subject to seven days notice of withdrawal is reduced from 12½% to 11½% per annum.



National Westminster Bank Limited

NatWest announces that with effect from Monday, 25th January, 1982, its Base Rate is reduced from 14½% to 14% per annum.

The basic Deposit and Savings Account rates are reduced from 12½% to 11½% per annum.

Japanese may beat inventor to the market

Sony aims for mini disc first

By Bill Johnston

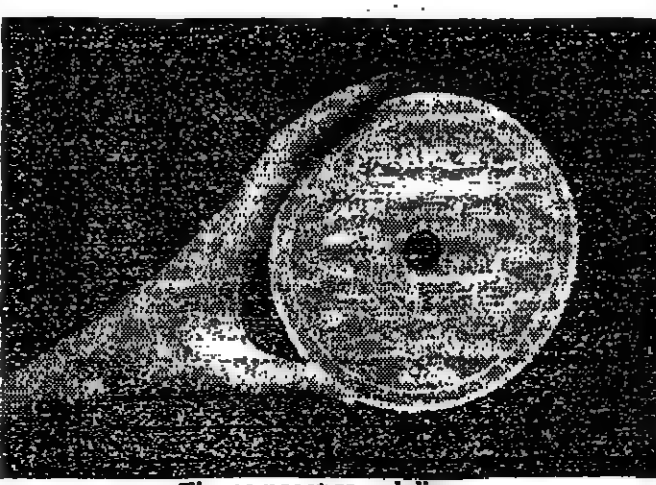
Sony, the Japanese electronics group, is preparing to launch its compact audio disc this autumn in Britain possibly six months ahead of Philips, its European inventor.

The new disc which is about 4 inches in diameter is expected to be launched by Sony in Japan and in Britain simultaneously.

Philips, on whose technology the disc is based, is expected to bring out its own product in the Spring of 1983.

It was two years ago that Sony and the Dutch-based company Philips signed a collaboration agreement on the disc technology. Now Sony will be competing with Philips with products based on Philips' innovation.

The compact audio disc contains hundreds of small pits which represent pulses of sound information. A laser light source, replacing the conventional stylus scans the disc, and electronically con-



The compact sound disc

verts the information on the disc into high quality sound. Each disc will play on one side only for about an hour.

However, some industry observers feel that neither Sony nor Philips may realize its launch target. Philips has already experienced the problems of producing digital

discs for its video disc system which is scheduled to be launched in the United Kingdom this year. The discs for these systems are currently being manufactured at the company's Blackburn factory.

Sony's equipment and discs will initially be made in Japan. The Philips disc

players will be made in Hasselt, Belgium, and the discs pressed by Polygram in Germany. Secrecy surrounds the more commercial aspects of this new industry. However, the audio players are expected to cost for about £300, and the discs for slightly more than the price of an ordinary LP record.

But the battle for the video tape recording side of the industry continues among the three designers — Sony, JVC, Philips.

The video battle, however, is further complicated by the presence of video discs and the rivalry which may result between them and the recording industry.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

First signs of relief for overdraft borrowers

Bank borrowers, struggling under the burden of overdraft rates of anything up to 20 per cent, were granted a little relief yesterday when the High Street banks cut their base rates by 0.5 per cent, bringing down the cost of overdrafts to between 17 to 19 per cent.

Personal loan rates remain unchanged — at least for the moment, though at 20 to 21 per cent plus, they look expensive. At these rates the Bank of England's suspensions that homebuyers have been remortgaging their homes with the High Street banks, borrowing more than they need and spending the surplus on new cars and the like, are probably justified.

Who wants to borrow at 20 per cent when you can get a home loan for 15 per cent? The Bank of England has, however, administered a rap on the knuckles to the banks and told them to stop this type of lending.

Bank base rates have now come down a full 2 per cent from their October 1, 1981 peak of 15 per cent, but the building societies are showing no inclination to cut the mortgage rate.

None of the High Street banks have yet moved their home loan rates — though they are bound to be keeping a close eye on each other, and if one moves, the others will follow suit.

In the meantime, it looks as though there won't be any cut in the building societies' rates until the beginning of April.

Further reductions in interest rates are likely to be delayed until the Chancellor's Budget statement on March 9. The Building Societies Association Council meets immediately after — on Wednesday the 10th, 11th and 12th — and it might well take the opportunity then to announce a cut in rates.

In any case, the earliest a decision could be made is February 12 when the council next meets. "The cut in bank base rates will have no immediate effect on our rates, but the situation is being kept under review", was the predictable response from the BSA.

The building societies will probably want a breathing space too, to improve the flow of funds into their coffers.

They have been having a rough time attracting deposits — last November's net receipts were a disastrous £65 million, compared with the high for the year of £446 million in January 1981.

They picked up to £203 million last December and are expected to do even better this month when interest gets added to accounts.

City pundits are expecting

bank base rates to be down to around 12 per cent by the end of 1982, so it might be a good idea for investors to be thinking slightly longer term. The building societies are offering very attractive rates at the moment, but this seems unlikely to last for much longer.

Local authority yearling bonds (available from a bank or stockbroker) are paying 15.25 per cent and this is fixed for the whole year. Slightly less than the equivalent return on a building society extra interest account which to a basic rate taxpayer is worth 15.3 per cent, it is worth considering if you are not going to need your money for at least 12 months.

Local Authority "Town Hall" bonds (available direct from the local authority) are offering 14.75 per cent for 3 and 4 year investments, but the longer the term, the greater the gamble.

If, as expected, Mrs Thatcher starts to prime the electoral pumps with tax-giveaways at Budget time, this will inevitably fuel inflation. On an annual basis this is already running at 12 per cent which makes index-linked National Savings Certificates look a better bet over the one and two year term. The return at 12 per cent plus, is tax free.

Lorna Bourke

AFTER TAX RETURN ON INVESTMENTS

	Non Taxpayer	30%	40%	50%	60%
Bank 7 Day Deposit	11.5	8.0	6.8	5.7	4.8
	12.0	8.4	7.2	6.0	4.8
Building Society Ordinary Accts.	9.75	9.75	8.3	6.8	5.5
Building Society Extra Interest Accounts	10.75	10.75	9.1	7.6	6.1
NSB Investment Acc.	15.0	10.5	9.0	7.5	6.0
Money Funds	14.5	10.1	8.7	7.2	5.8

Overdrafts: 17-19 per cent.
Bank Personal Loans: 20.7% to 21.8% over a two year term.

* NatWest, Lloyds, Midland

† Barclays

‡ The large building societies pay 1 per cent over the ordinary share rate on Extra Interest Accounts — smaller societies may pay more.

Investment
Beckman
puts his
trust in
the future

Regular listeners to his early morning financial broadcasts on LBC will be astonished to learn that Mr Bob Beckman, London's most colourful investment guru, has just launched his own unit trust.

To those acquainted with Mr Beckman's apocalyptic views, this is like Michael Foot opening up shop on Savile Row. Mr Beckman was who last September invited the doomladen Wall Street pundit Mr Joseph Granville on to the radio to exhort us all to sell sell sell — which we did, if you remember, in vast quantities.

Mr Beckman's own views, as expressed in his weekly newsletter "Investors' Bulletin" — he describes it as an "esoteric publication" — are no less gloomy. Equities are going to drop, we are all heading for a massive deflation. So the birth of the Beckman International Capital Accumulator (BICA) unit trust this week must surprise even his most devoted followers.

It is a capital fund aimed primarily at the higher rate taxpayer. It is a conventional unit trust with a minimum investment of £1,000 and a low front end load of 2 per cent. "I still hate unit trusts", says an unabashed



An investment guru at work — Bob Beckman who broadcasts his doomladen investment advice to listeners of LBC

Mr B, but this is not a rip-off fund. It is going to be run the way a unit trust ought to be run. We are paying no commissions at all — which is why the charges are low. We are not advertising either. I want it to be judged on its performance."

For the moment Mr Beckman's financial strategy is geared to fixed interest investments — American Government bonds and low

coupon gilts. "It is decidedly not speculative. It is a safe vehicle to maximize capital in a tax-efficient way. I am not making any promises but a return of 20 per cent seems a reasonable target this year."

Apart from his new fund, where he says he will be applying some novel techniques, "I will have the accounts scratching their heads for years", Mr Beckman still sees little on the

financial horizon to be pleased about.

But cheer up folks, Mr Granville, the Savanaria of the stockmarkets, is now predicting that the Dow Jones will crash to 500 this month — which leaves him just one week and a half in which to be right.

Margaret Drummond

In brief
Loan link
offers tax
advantage

Birmingham Building Society is the third to launch a house purchase package linked to a self-employed pension scheme — a very attractive proposition for those who pay tax at 50 per cent or more.

Like the Guardian Building Society, Birmingham is prepared to link its loan to any self-employed pension scheme from a reputable company — Leamington Spa is tied to Scottish Provident's scheme.

The advantage of linking a loan to a self-employed pension scheme rather than the more conventional with-profits endowment policy, is that tax relief at the borrower's top rate is allowable on pension premiums, whereas life policies attract tax relief at only 15 per cent.

You don't have to be self-employed to benefit from a self-employed pension plan. If you are in non-pensionable employment (that is, your company does have an occupational pension scheme) you are eligible for tax relief on your pension contributions in the same way as the self-employed.

Scarce loans

Mortgages could become scarce by the summer, warns Brian Holmes, chief general manager of the Provincial Building Society. "Young people — especially first time buyers who don't face the problem of selling a house, should arrange their mortgage as soon as possible," he says.

Building societies have plenty of funds available at the moment, but if the Government continues to siphon off money from personal savers through its aggressive marketing of National Savings Securities, "there could clearly be a mortgage shortage by mid-year," said Mr Holmes.

And Peter Wilkinson, chief executive of the Anglia Building Society is equally critical of the Government. "The coming year is unlikely to be any less competitive than 1981, and it is too much to expect that the Government — now it has discovered the easy charms of indexed bonds — will not seek to raise more money in this way. Sooner or later the Government will have to come to terms with the potentially serious effect it may have on funds for the housing market."

Charging less

Following the decision made by Access four weeks ago to reduce the maximum service charge rate for traders, they are now extending this reduction to petrol retailers. The maximum service charge rate will be 2½ per cent and this will particularly benefit small traders and petrol retailers in rural areas.

Garages were some of the first traders to start surcharging credit card transactions but, in the past few weeks, most garages have ceased to discriminate in price between cash and credit card payments.

Higher yield

Anglia has increased its rate by a half per cent to a guaranteed 2 per cent over the ordinary share rate on its three-year high income bond. The bond will not be sold at current rates of interest, 14½ per cent net with interest paid half-yearly. The bond was introduced only last October along with a six-year bond which guarantees 14 per cent over the ordinary share rate. Investors may withdraw all or part of their money before the three year period expires by giving three months notice, during which time no interest is paid on the amount to be withdrawn.

Assessing your policy's value

Insurers are expecting claims from householders running into tens of millions of pounds following the floods and arctic weather. Claims for burst-pipe damage are expected to reach record levels.

But a recent survey of 50,000 household policyholders revealed that

10 per cent of householders were dissatisfied with the way their insurance company handled such claims, and 20 per cent received only a proportion of their original claim.

"One in five policyholders is either inadequately insured or failed to convince the insurance company loss

adjuster of the merits of their claim," commented David Ritchie, chief executive of loss assessors, Balcombes.

Few policyholders have heard of loss assessors, and if they have, most confuse them with loss adjusters — a different breed entirely. Loss assessors are the paid representatives of the insurance company, sent along to believe that the loss adjuster, sent along by the insurance company, is impartial. "Their function should be clearly defined in the minds of the public. When it comes to a big claim, the adjuster tends to favour the insurer. It is a basic tenet of the insurance world that all major claims result in negotiated settlements."

Why hand over some of your claim damages to a loss assessor when you can fill in the claim yourself? Householders frequently have no idea of the true value of their belongings, says Mr Ritchie, and therefore do not claim enough. Also many are surprised to learn precisely what can be claimed — the loss assessor with his specialist knowledge can interpret the small print for the policyholder.

Over 150 firms belong to the Institute of Public Loss Assessors which will provide the name and address of a local loss assessor on request. Their address is 14 Red Lion Street, Chesham, Buckinghamshire. Telephone: Chesham 782342.

Tougher on dealers

Greater protection for investors is on its way with the publication this week of proposals for tough new measures to control the activities of licensed dealers in securities.

The new rules, drawn up by the Department of Trade, will apply only to the 350 licensed dealers, but there is hope that the Government will bend to public pressure and extend the provisions of the new regulations to eventually cover all investment advisers.

The main requirements of the new regulations are that clients' money must be kept separate from that of the investment adviser.

In addition, licensed dealers will be required to show certified proof of comprehensive indemnity and fidelity insurance which would give clients full protection in the event of default.

The Government, for reasons that are not at all clear, seems very reluctant to act to protect investors — in spite of considerable pressure for reform from a number of City institutions. On Tuesday, Professor Laurence Gower of the Department of Trade will be publishing a preliminary discussion paper on investors' protection and it is hoped that he will make it clear that urgent action is necessary if more defaults resulting in losses to investors are to be avoided.

Your money market best buys

Banks
Current account — no interest paid. Deposit accounts — Barclays 12 per cent Midland, Lloyds, and NatWest 11½ per cent. Seven days notice required for withdrawals. For sums of £10,000 or more rate fixed for the term. Fixed-term deposits — 1, 3 and 6 months, 14½ per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Money funds
Simco 7-day fund, 14.53 per cent; UDT Average Rate Deposit Fund, 15½ per cent; Tyndall 7-day fund, 14.5 per cent; Simco dollar fund, 13.12 per cent; interest paid without deduction of tax. Further details from Simco (01-236 0233), Tyndall (0272-73221), UDT (scheme now closed to new investment).

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts — interest 5 per cent, first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account — 15 per cent, interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

National Savings certificates
— 23rd issue
Return totally free of all taxes, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five year term of 10.5 per cent, maximum investment £5,000.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts — 9.75 per cent. Term shares — 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 2 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes — 12.5 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax, not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). Best offers: 1 year, Kingston-upon-Hull 13½ per cent; 2 years, Swansea, 14½ per cent; 3 years, Knowlsey 14½ per cent; 5 years, West Derby 15 per cent; 7 years, Hereford and Worcester 15½ per cent; 10 years, West Derby 15½ per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-628 7855, after 3 pm). See also on Prestel no 24808.

Local authority yearling bonds
12-month fixed rate investments, interest 15½ per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000 purchased through stockbroker or bank.

Finance for industry
Fixed-term, fixed-rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 3-4 years, 13½ per cent; 5-6 years, 13½ per cent; 7 years, 13½ per cent; 8-9 years, 14 per cent; 10 years, 14½ per cent. Further information from FFI 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-528 7832).

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deduction of tax. For sums of £10,000 or more: 1 month, 13½ per cent; 3 months, 13½ per cent; 6 months, 13½ per cent; 12 months, 14 per cent.

Foreign currency deposits*
Interest paid without deduction of tax.

	Call	7-days notice
US dollar	11 p.c.	11½ p.c.
Yen	3½ p.c.	3½ p.c.
D.M.	5 p.c.	5 p.c.
French Franc	10½ p.c.	11 p.c.
Swiss Franc	p.c.	½ p.c.

*Rates quoted by Midland Bank — other banks may differ.

INVEST IN
ENERGYFirst
Public Offer
of
National
Westminster
Energy Trust

We all know that the world economy is in a state of recession. Despite all the remedial action being taken on both sides of the Atlantic there have as yet been few signs of recovery.

There are still very few major industrial companies that can report favourably upon their performance over the last year.

A direct consequence of this stagnation is a reduced demand for oil. The oil glut and the resultant stockpiling of oil is proving very expensive due to high interest rates. In turn oil companies throughout the world are significantly undervalued — as can be seen in a recent spate of take-over bids in the USA.

However, this gloomy scenario does have its optimistic side. In the view of the investment managers the depressed state of the oil industry means that shares in oil companies now offer remarkably good value for money. Further, the temporary retrenchment in the industry has been paralleled by increasing research into alternative energy sources. This area offers fruitful long-term investment potential. These two factors lie at the heart of the launching of the National Westminster Energy Trust.

The new National Westminster Energy Trust

The Nat West Unit Trust Managers believe that recovery is on its way in the oil sector and that now is the time for investors seeking a strong capital growth from their unit trusts. As the oil industry recovers its strength so will oil extraction technology show a commensurate resurgence. Similarly, the general upturn in demand will further stimulate research and development in the exploitation of alternative energy sources. These include Coal, Nuclear, Shale Oil, Solar, Wind and Tidal Energy. In short, the whole field of energy has enormous potential for the wise, long-term investor. It is for this type of investor that the new trust has been devised with its prime objective of capital growth through world wide investment in the energy sector. Consequently income will be of minor consideration.

Trusts that have been established recently by the National Westminster Unit Trust Managers have demonstrated steady growth as instanced by the summary of their performance in "Money Management". The recent launching of specialist trusts such as the Smaller Companies Trust, which have the same investment philosophy behind them as the Energy Trust have performed remarkably well. So now is the time to lay a foundation for the improved economic climate of the future.

National Westminster Energy Trust at a fixed price of 50p per unit

Estimated gross starting yield of £1.45 p.a. (This is equivalent to a net yield of £1.02 p.a.)
Send to National Westminster Unit Trust Managers Limited, 161 Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU.
Telephone Enquiries: 01-606 6060, extension: 2479.

I/we wish to invest £ (minimum investment of £500) in National Westminster Energy Trust at a fixed price of 50p per unit.
I/we enclose my/our remittance payable to National Westminster Unit Trust Managers Limited (offer closes 4 February, 1982).

A proven record: Investment
Management by County Bank

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How to invest now

Simply fill in the coupon below, or alternatively take it to any branch of National Westminster Bank. The minimum investment is £500. This is equivalent to 1,000 units in the trust at the price of 50p. This price is fixed until 4 February which is the closing date for receipt of new applications by the Unit Trust Managers.

Distribution of income from units may be re-invested in the trust. In view of the specialised nature of this trust which aims primarily for capital appreciation, the Managers strongly recommend to investors that income distributions should be automatically re-invested in the purchase of further units.

You should remember that the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

Additional Information

Applications will not be acknowledged but certificates will be issued within 42 days.

Distributions of net income will be made half yearly on 30 March and 30 September and the first distribution of income for investments made now will be on 30 September 1982.

The offer price of 50p per unit gives an estimated gross starting yield of £1.45 p.a. (This is equivalent to a net yield of £1.02 p.a.)

After the close of this offer, units can always be bought at the prevailing offer price. The current offer and bid prices and estimated gross yield will be published daily in the press.

If you wish you can buy units through your own bank, stockbroker, solicitor or accountant. Remuneration is payable to qualified agents and the rates are available on request. The offer price of units includes an initial charge of 9%.

Thereafter a half yearly charge of 0.375% plus VAT of the value of the Trust is deducted from the gross income of the Trust to cover administration costs, although the Trust Deed permits this to be increased to 0.5% + VAT.

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Malcolm Block who has the weighty responsibility of running M & G's Australasian Fund which many Times readers have backed as the winning unit trust for 1982

The Times-Money Programme Unit Trust Competition

This is your last opportunity to enter The Times - Money Programme Unit Trust Competition. Today is the final publication of the entry form and the closing date is next Saturday, January 30, when we will be revealing our experts' choices.

Entrants have some very decided views on unit trust selection and their choices for the best performing trust in 1982 reveal a strong interest in investment. A high proportion have opted for a specialist trust, an obvious choice since they tend to be volatile performers and generally appear either at the top or bottom of the tables. Most popular choice to date has been M & G's

Australasian Trust, top performer in 1980 but languishing at the very bottom of the charts. M & G's American Recovery Fund is running a close second.

There is heavy support for Hill Samuel's fund, specifically Crescent Tokyo. Gartmore's Far East, and Japan & General trusts, Hill Samuel's Far East fund and Save & Prosper's South East Asia Trust.

Gold bugs have gone for Britannia's Gold and General Fund, the only British unit trust with a significant holding of gold shares (unit trusts are not allowed to invest in gold direct).

Prizes in each category - General, Under 18 and Professional Investment Adviser - are £100 worth of unit trusts of your choice for the winner, with £50 and £25 for each of the runners-up. The competition is being run jointly with BBC 2 Television's Money Programme and the winners will be appearing on television to explain how they made their choice.

We usually publish unit trust performance statistics on a sector basis - financial trusts, income trusts and so on. To help readers who are entering the unit trust competition make their choice, the figures this month will not be split into sectors, and it should be easier to see which trusts performed best overall.

The tables show the value on January 4, 1982, of £100 invested 12 months ago (column A) and two years ago (column B) net income reinvested and based on offer to the public. Figures supplied by Planned Savings Magazine, 150-152 Caledonian Road, London N1 9RD.

	A	B		A	B
Hill Samuel Far East	155.7	146.2	A-Hamro Equity Inc	115.6140.5	115.6
Arbuthnot Japan	143.210.2	143.2	Nelstar International	115.6	115.6
S&P/Japan Growth	140.9167.6	140.9	Stewart Brit Cap	115.4146.2	115.4
Arbuthnot Smaller Cos	138.5160.7	138.5	A-Hamro Elec & Ind	115.4150.5	115.4
Henderson/Japan	138.3197.6	138.3	Pearl Trust	115.2141.1	115.2
Gartmore Japan	137.2	137.2	Discretionary	115.1146.9	115.1
Midland Drayton Japan	134.8193.0	134.8	British Life Income	115.1146.5	115.1
Chiefman Far East	133.1172.7	133.1	S&P/Int Bond	115.1146.5	115.1
J. Japan & General	133.1172.7	133.1	M&G/Trustee	115.0138.8	115.0
British South East Asia	131.0168.9	131.0	Tower Inc & Growth	114.9138.8	114.9
Bishopsgate General	130.4165.2	130.4	Britannia Inc & Growth	114.9138.8	114.9
M&G/American Rec	130.1145.7	130.1	Fidelity Amer Sp Sits	114.9138.8	114.9
Nat West Smaller Cos	130.1145.7	130.1	Gartmore Far Eastern	114.8197.1	114.8
Barclays Income	129.9144.6	129.9	Nat West Financial	114.7151.7	114.7
Arbuthnot Foreign	128.3159.8	128.3	NPI Growth	114.7151.7	114.7
S&P/Financial	128.2165.3	128.2	Midland Drayton Hl Yld	114.4127.2	114.4
Grievson/Endowment	128.0185.5	128.0	M&G/General	114.4144.9	114.4
MacJapan	127.8182.7	127.8	Britannia Japan Perf	114.4144.9	114.4
Henderson/Europan	127.8182.7	127.8	Nat West Cap Mly	114.3148.6	114.3
GW/Henderson/Ocean	127.8182.7	127.8	Abbey Capital	114.3148.6	114.3
Mayflower Internt	127.2156.5	127.2	Franklington Capital	114.3148.6	114.3
Grievson/Land/Brussels	126.9143.4	126.9	Hill Samuel/Hl Yld	114.2125.1	114.2
Barclays "500"	126.2138.0	126.2	Nat West Hl Yld	114.2125.1	114.2
Target Special Sits	125.8195.7	125.8	Gartmore Inc	114.2125.1	114.2
TSB Income	125.8195.7	125.8	Barclays Ex Inc	114.0129.7	114.0
Henderson Inc & Gth	125.8195.7	125.8	Equity & Law Gen	114.0129.7	114.0
Franklington Eastern	124.8157.8	124.8	L&C Income	114.0134.4	114.0
Fidelity Max Inc Emg	124.8	124.8	Bridge Amer & Gen	113.9134.4	113.9
Rendram/Nth America	124.5183.1	124.5	S&P/Hl Yld	113.8129.2	113.8
Nat West Worldw Bnd	124.2189.7	124.2	Gartmore High Inc	113.8129.2	113.8
S&P/Far Eastern	124.2189.7	124.2	TGB Scottish	113.8129.2	113.8
Franklington	123.9143.7	123.9	Target/Invest Trst	113.7179.3	113.7
Tyndall/Nth Amer'n	123.8152.1	123.8	GT Far East & Gen	113.6114.7	113.6
MIA Trust	123.5201.9	123.5	A-Hamro High Yld	113.6114.7	113.6
Perpetual Gr Growth	123.4152.1	123.4	Key Investment Trst	113.6114.7	113.6
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Britannia Am Sm Cos	123.1179.4	123.1	Henderson Inc & Ass	113.5117.1	113.5
Franklington US Trn	122.9142.5	122.9	Govt/Stock Indx	113.5117.1	113.5
S&P South East Asia	122.9142.5	122.9	Leo Capital	113.3167.8	113.3
London Wall/High In	122.3143.8	122.3	Henderson/Pac'm Co	113.3189.7	113.3
A-Hamro Gr & Inc	121.8163.8	121.8	A-Hamro Amer Co	113.2151.2	113.2
Tyndall/Far East	121.8	121.8	Key Investment Trst	113.2151.2	113.2
Perpetual Gr Growth	121.5151.2	121.5	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
M&G/Conv Income	121.3135.6	121.3	Kleinwort Benson SC	113.1164.1	113.1
Barclays Recov	121.0140.0	121.0	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Great Winchester	121.0140.0	121.0	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Barclays Dividend	120.9144.6	120.9	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Henderson Sm Cos Div	120.9144.6	120.9	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Norwich Union Gp Tr	120.8150.0	120.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Brown Shipley Inc	120.8150.0	120.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Int'l Amer Tech	120.7151.6	120.7	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Barclays Sec of Am	120.6152.6	120.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Pearl Income	120.6152.6	120.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Henderson/Hl Inc	120.1136.4	120.1	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Nat West Income	120.1136.4	120.1	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Schroder Income	119.9144.6	119.9	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Royal Trust Income	119.9144.6	119.9	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Abbey Income	119.8132.7	119.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Mutual Growth	119.8132.7	119.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
HK Small Companies	119.8132.7	119.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Quilter/Quadrant Int	119.8132.7	119.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Fidelity American	119.8132.7	119.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Life Dividend	119.8132.7	119.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Stewart American Fd	119.8132.7	119.8	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Arbuthnot Giants	119.6146.8	119.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
S&P/Select Income	119.6146.8	119.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Crescent Income	119.6146.8	119.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Midland Drayton	119.6146.8	119.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Hill Samuel/Spec Sits	119.6146.8	119.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Gartmore British	119.6146.8	119.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Capel Income	119.6146.8	119.6	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Franklington Ex Inc	119.2	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
M&G/High Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
A-Hamro Pacific	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Henderson Spec Sits	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Albion Associates	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
A-Hamro Rec Sits	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
M&G/Mid/Gen	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Friends Prv Un	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Pacific High Inc	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Carlisle High Yld	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Brown Shipley Grth	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
S&P/High Rtn	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Target/Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Barclays Trust	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Quilter/Quadrant Recv	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Reliance Opportunity	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
London Wall/High In	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Rowan America	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Royal Trust Capital	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Hill Samuel/Int	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Gartmore Extra Inc	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Bishopsgate Prog	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Target/Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Reliance/Sekford	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Quilter/Quadrant Gen	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
A-Hamro 2nd Sm Cos	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
M&G/Dividend	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Henderson Am SCs	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Tyndall/Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Pearl Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Tyndall/Scottish Inc	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Chiefman Smaller Cos	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Lloyds Life Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Crescent High Dist	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
A-Hamro High Inc	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Gartmore Extra Inc	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Lloyds Balanced	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
T&G/Wickmoor Divi	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
M&G/Extra Yield	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Barclays Invest	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Albion Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
T&G/Barbican	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Minster	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
College Hill	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Lloyds Inter Tech	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Henderson Financial	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Schroder Small Cos	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Lloyds Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Albion Income	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Capel Capital	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1
Britannia Nat Hl Inc	119.2129.5	119.2	Int'l Amer Tech	113.1164.1	113.1

Times - Money Programme 1982 Unit Trust Competition

1. Competitors are invited to select their unit trusts for the competition by completing the entry form and sending it to the organizers by the closing date. The winners will be announced on Monday, January 26, 1982.

2. Competitors will be required to make a first, second and third choice, and the winner will be the competitor whose first choice is the best performing unit trust. Second and third choices will be taken into account only in the event of a tie, in the event of there being more than one winner the tie-breaker will be the unit trust with the highest net income.

3. Entries will be limited to one per person and must be made on official entry forms printed in The Times, or available from BBC TV's Money Programme. Photocopies are not acceptable.

4. Opening prices will be those published on Monday, February 1, 1982.

5. Closing prices will be those published on Monday, January 26, 1982.

6. Performance will be monitored by Planned Savings Magazine and is based on an offer to the public basis, net income reinvested.

7. Entries must be received by Saturday, January 20, 1982 - either at the office of The Times or at the Money Programme.

8. Employees of News International, Times Newspapers, the BBC and their families are not eligible to enter.

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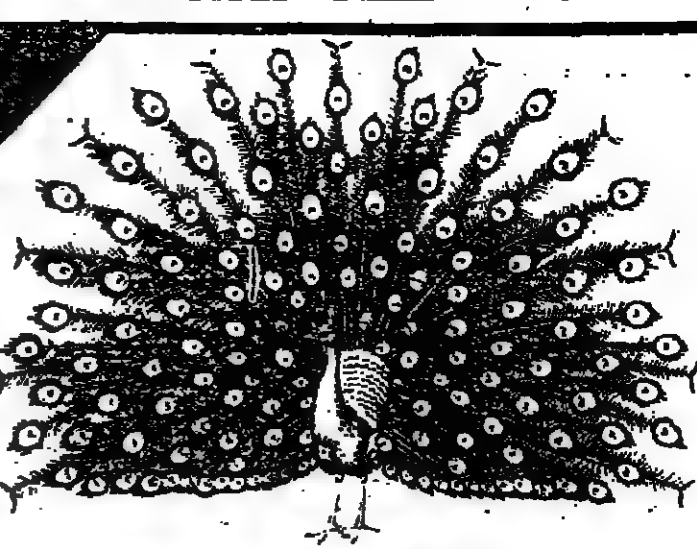
Category (Please tick appropriate line)

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